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UPON MOST OCCASIONS.

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"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." COL. iv. 2.

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TO THE
RIGHT REV. FATHER IN GOD, JOHN, LORD
BISHOP OF CHICHESTER.

My Lord,

I WAITED with some impatience to see that design accomplished by your accurate pen, which is here attempted now by my weak hand. Ever since you were pleased to acquaint me with your intention to publish something of this nature, it raised my expectation of your obliging the world with your printed Prayers, as you have done with many of your learned and seasonable Sermons; but after you had let me know the reason of holding your hand, the same might have stopt mine too; and I should have desisted, had the good Doctor who prevented you, or any of those worthy Authors that thus bestowed their pains, descended to such particulars as I thought fit for the use of those whom I desire to serve.

But now that I am engaged, my Lord, your favour shewed to the well-meant performance here, has given me the boldness of this dedication: and the advancement of such persons to high dignity in our church, as are so well known to deserve it, encourages me also to hope, that the gracious God hath yet a greater blessing for us than our demerits give us reason to expect.

I beg your fatherly benediction upon me, and my poor endeavours, who am,

MY LORD,
Your obliged Kinsman,
In all humble Observance,
BENJAMIN JENKS.

PREFACE.

To my Neighbours and Acquaintance, particularly those in the Parishes committed to my Care.

My dear Friends,

IT is especially for your sakes, and primarily for your service, that I publish this Manual of Prayers, fitted to the capacities of your minds, to the necessities of your souls, and the several conditions and occasions of your lives. Notwithstanding all the books of devotion already extant, many of which are very useful and excellent in their kinds, and such as I should recommend to you, without offering any other, did those with which I am best satisfied reach as far as I design here to go, and did not I think the strain of some too high for many of you, and the words and expressions of others that I have seen in your hands, too low and flat, or too obsolete and improper, and which will rather offend than edify such as have their senses better exercised in these matters; I have come to the resolution of adding my contribution to the common stock: yet, not taking upon me so to correct or censure them that have gone before me, as to discourage any from making use of those helps which they find agreable to their case, and efficacious to quicken their devotion: but leaving every one to consult their own sense, and profit, and comfort, in choosing and taking what best likes their particular gust, and what most furthers their pious designs; and to make what alterations also they please, even in the ensuing offices, for their own service, if they shall think fit to use them at all.

Nor have I such a conceit of any thing that is my own, as to suppose it free from the weakness and defects which I can espy elsewhere; I doubt not but others may find as many faults here: nay, I cannot think any thing of this nature to be so complete, but that the Author himself, in tract of time, may see reason to add or subtract, to alter or amend many particulars: indeed, I shall as soon expect to see a shoe made to fit every foot, as a particular form of Prayer exactly to suit all the circumstances of every soul.

I cannot undertake that the following Prayers should answer all the occasions which any one may ever find for prayer: *but those* that have the spirit of supplication, can tell how *to fill up what* is wanting: and such as I help in most cases,

may help themselves in the rest. I am rather apt to think, that so many as are here set down, will be censured for more than needful; but (it being easy to pare off) the censors may let alone what they count superfluous; leaving it to those that will not disdain its assistance; and I had rather be under an imputation from some of my neighbours, for busying myself more than I have need, in a work that might have been spared, than bear the recoilings of my own mind for neglecting to impart any thing that I thought might be of use to the rest.

If any judge that I might better have left this behind me, not to be seen till I should myself have been no more seen: I was once of the same mind, and had so continued: but that I could not be sure that many, for whom I designed it, might not be taken off before me: whereby this piece of friendship which I had for them would have been lost to them: and now that I do undertake the thing which is liable to many reflections, (whoever be the manager) every one thinking he has a title to judge of that wherein every one is equally concerned, and that judgment passing according to the different principles and sentiments, and the particular genius and humour of each, it is not possible here to please every one: but, however I shall not fail of my design, if I can be so happy as to profit some. And if so be I take any way peculiar to myself, I shall only allege, that it is but the same liberty as most writers of this subject have taken. Though I pretend not to set myself on a level with the noted guides of others' devotion, that with good success, and general approbation, have laboured therein; yet when our Lord has enjoined the thing to be done, without settling the manner of performance; even an ordinary man, that is but conversant in these matters, has room humbly to propose his own experience, as long as he assumes not magisterially to impose it upon his readers; which, in this present undertaking, the Judge of all thoughts knows to be far from mine.

I name no morning and evening prayers for particular persons, because here are so many occasional prayers, whereof every one may take their choice from time to time, for private use, according to particular exigences; and besides, those for families may as fitly serve for the closet, changing but the plural number into the singular. I have not directed to conclude the evening devotions with the Lord's Prayer; not because I count it improper at that time to be used,

but because I think we have still a liberty of adding or omitting it; and therefore I have pointed to it for one part of the day, and left it out in the other; but they that are for it, as an appendage to all the prayers used in their houses, may make it so if they please, notwithstanding that I shut up some of the family prayers without it. I make no distinction neither of ordinary days; for I understand not why the prayer that serves for Monday or Tuesday, should not be as good and proper for any other day of the week; yet I have offered some variety, that you may take sometimes one form, and sometimes another; or some part of this form and some of that, as you see occasion, and shall judge most pertinent.

But I make a great difference of the qualities of persons, and states of the soul, and scenes of the life; according to which, I have distributed and suited the offices here propoſed. —And though it be not needful to adapt a prayer to every man's particular employment in the world; yet no man, (whatever be his place or calling) but may find many prayers here fitted to the condition of his soul, and to the great emergencies of his life. Only I would caution any who need to be so advertised, that I do not intend the particular prayers entitled for such and such persons of particular ranks and stations, as their excuse to supersede all praying else, as such persons needed to use no other prayers; but those, they may sometimes add to the rest: and so prudently choosing agreeable offices, and taking this my whole performance, with a little of Christian candour, and the allowance for common weakness, I am willing to hope it may not be unacceptable to those in my neighbourhood (for whom I am chiefly concerned) as coming from one of your acquaintance, my brethren, and one so utterly unacquainted with the practice and the benefit of exercises of devotion: but that I am able to say somewhat from my own experience (and that of many years) in this way. However small (I must confess) in my proficiency, to what it might have been; yet the several stages my soul has gone through; the trials and temptations that I have had; the terrors and perplexities wherewith I have grappled; the conflicts and troubles of mind that I have lain under; the many sins that I have fallen into, (grievous to myself, and heinous in the sight of God, though not so scandalous as some others, to the view of the world;) and the escapes that I have made; the *preservations* and deliverances, the mercies and blessings, *the revivings* and comforts, that I have found, are so many en-

gagements upon me, to do somewhat according to the ability which God hath given me, for the direction, the support and help of others, that may be in the like condition. And may the thing here done be but well taken by any that fear God, (the generation of them that seek his face, and are in love with prayer!) I shall then little concern myself what is the resentment or censure of any one else; whether it be the worldly drudge, the sordid earth-worm, that throws prayers out of doors, as his interruption and hindrance; or the dissolute epicure, that takes pleasure in nothing but his mire, and shrinks from drawing to the Holy God, as his hated task and torment; or the profane droll, that even laughs his Judge Eternal in the face, and mightily applauds himself for daring to make a scorn of all that is serious and sacred; or the trifling impertinent, that is for all manner of exercises, but only those of religion; or lastly, the formal hyprocrite, that only now and then passes a slight compliment on the Majesty of heaven, but still mortally hates the life and power of godliness. The sense and the satisfaction of one pious experienced Christian, that has known the Grace of God in truth, is more to me than the exceptions and the clamours of a thousand such as these.

If this piece fly further abroad than my first intention; and if others, that know nothing of what concerns me, may pick out any thing here to further them in the way heavenward, I shall have the more cause then to bless God, for making me such an instrument of his grace. Yea, where I can but do the least good to any poor soul, I shall not think my labour in vain in the Lord. But my great care is for the souls of whom I have the charge; and for the rest of my friends and neighbours within my reach, whom I have (you know) so much and often importuned and called upon to give themselves to prayer, both in your families, and in your retirements every day. Not barely to read, or say over so many words of prayer (as if it would presently make all whole and well, only to use such and such a form, that you think pertinent in your case, as a plaister fit for the sore) but do it with a praying heart, with a mind intent upon the work, and spirits engaged in the service. The reason for which, and the necessity of it, with the lawfulness and expediency of using forms (especially where other abilities are wanting) I shall not insist upon it here; because I have done it already elsewhere. *Liberty of Prayer asserted, &c.*

Indeed what some talk so much against all Forms of Prayer,

I think, is as little to be regarded as what others do so bitterly inveigh against all prayer that is out of form: but in this matter I cannot but much approve the temper of an eminent churchman, (afterwards made one of our Right Rev. Bishops) who in his method and order for private devotion thus freely and moderately gives his sense. *Bishop Wittenhall (Enter into thy Closet.) 3d. Edit.*

P. 62. 'Whether every particular expreſſion, or the just 'words before thought, it haply matter not very much: but 'that some fit, significant, proper, and quickening expreſſions 'for the several parts and substantials of my prayer be prepared, 'it is expedient.'—P. 81. 'Profess myself no whit guilty of 'undervaluing the free effusions of the soul before God (in pri-'vate especially) in such expressions as the affected moved 'mind suggests; or, as the spirit gives utterance.'—P. 284. 'If I am able to pray otherwise, I shall not haply always see it 'convenient, to use set or composed forms; for that there 'may be many particular affecting circumstances in my sins, 'which no form will express so plainly as I have need to express 'for the moving of my sorrow.'—P. 285. 'If I find my heart 'so composed, that I dare venture upon what we call a 'convinced prayer, it being of my own invention, by the as-'sistance of the Spirit, may more perfectly suit my condition 'in all, than one framed by another to my hand.'—P. 81. 82. 'Though constantly to use that way, may have our devotion 'more slight and disorderly, through the coldness, dulness, or 'heedlessness of our hearts, or through distractions, incum-'brances, or like mischiefs: and it may often occasion the 'omission of many necessary things, through incogitancy, and 'unavoidable forgetfulness.'—P. 8. 'But whether the words 'in which we utter ourselves, before-thought or sudden, pro-'vided they fitly and reverently express the inward sense of 'our hearts, it matters not, nor is it at all essential to prayer.'—P. 81. 'Be the words whose they will, my praying them, (i. e. 'offering them up to God) with a heart suitable to them, hath 'made them as much mine, as if I had invented, contrived, 'dictated, or penned them at first.'

The manner then of expressing yourselves in my words, or in your own, or others, I leave (as here this author does) at liberty: and any helps that I have offered, in the following specimens, you may take or refuse, as you see good: only I must with all earnestness beseech you to take care, and to make con-

science, that the thing be daily done, and that heartily, as to the Lord: as ever you hope to reap any real good from the labours of your ministers, or never to see their faces, or the face of God with comfort in that great day, when we must all give up our last accounts, and be finally determined for our everlasting state. When such as could not be prevailed with to give themselves to prayer, and to call upon the name of God, now in the day of grace, (this time of mercy) shall with fruitless desires wish themselves out of being; and no less vainly, than desperately, call upon rocks and mountains to fall upon them and to hide them from his face, and to save them from his wrath in the day of judgment, that time of recompence and fury.—And, therefore, according to that most cogent admonition of the author of the Whole Duty of Man, part 5. Sect. 12. 'Let 'no man that professes himself a Christian, keep so heathenish 'a family, as not to see that God be daily worshipped in it.' To which let that be added of the author afore quoted, P. 15. 'Prayer with the family, no one who would have God to bless 'his family, can think that he may neglect.' And I shall give no further exhortation here to family prayer.* ? because I have done so much to that purpose since the first edition hereof, in another book written upon that particular argument.

Beloved, I am more sensible of my own frailty, than to reckon upon a much longer continuance in the world, which we all shall find so short a thoroughfare to the place of our eternal abode: and while I live, I desire nothing more from you, than the consolation of observing your devotion, and striving together with me in your prayers for your own salvation. And when I am dead and gone, I would leave behind me, not only some token of my love to you, but also some assistance in that way of your duty wherein you are to follow those who are already entered into the heavenly glory.

I am apt to think, that some who are convinced of this duty (to use daily prayers) and who also feel an inclination to it, and some disposedness for it in their hearts, may yet be under a discouragement for want of suitable helps in a readiness to discharge the work.—For such, alas! is the dullness and indifferency of sinful men to that which is best for them, and which most highly concerns them, that they are not apt to be solicitous (so as they use to shew themselves in their worldly concerns) to seek out after the provisions and conveniencies for the spiritual life, unless these fall directly in their way, and are set just before them. And therefore, this prayer-book I have had

* The bell rung to prayers.

in my thoughts to provide, and put into the hands of some of the poorer sort, and (without imposing upon any) I would also move such able friends as may favour the design, to lend a charitable hand in assisting to furnish more of those poor creatures, who, by the help of such a gift, might be put in a way to get the best and greatest of riches; but I shall not offer to disturb any that are in the possession of better means already; no, let them go on with the use of them, and God's blessing be upon them: and if but any thing here should be found agreeable and useful to others, they are at liberty to collect and take what they will, and pass over the rest. For (as the celebrated Dr. Hammond tells us) [Prat. Cat. Lib. 3. Sect. 2. Ans. 5.] 'The church being obeyed in the observation of the prescribed 'Liturgy in public, it is not supposed by our church, but that 'every one in private may ask his own wants in what form of 'words he shall think fit: yet, that he may do it fitly and reverently, it will not be amiss for him to acquaint himself with 'the several addresses to God, which the Book of Psalms, and 'other parts of Holy Writ, and other helps of devotion, will 'afford him, either to use, as he finds them fit for the present 'purpose, or by those patterns to direct and prepare himself to do the like.

Now, may this poor attempt of mine be an invitation to some of my pious learned brethren in the ministry, to set out some better entertainment for their people; and I shall be abundantly satisfied and pleased to see the thing promoted, and still further improved; though my whole performance should be vacate and excluded, to make room for others deserving the precedence. In the mean time, may a blessing from above follow these small endeavours of mine, and make them prosperous (in any measure) to help your devotion: and that you may in the use of any prayers here set before you, find some advantage to your souls, and the daily promotion of your sanctification, peace and salvation, is the earnest desire and prayer of

Your devoted Servant,

In the Work of our Lord,

B. J.

Postscript.

TO THE READER.

BESIDES the addition of some Prayers here, more than were in the first impression, which you will find marked with an asterisk in the Contents, these latter editions do give me the opportunity of making some corrections to my own, and I hope also to others, better satisfaction; yet have I held my hand from altering much, lest the book should now appear another thing than before, to the offence of any that have been purchasers of the other; but the perusers, who are observant, may perceive here so many corrections and amendments as will give some advantage to such as think fit to make themselves owners of this.

I should have enlarged the forms for families, in several parts, especially in those pertaining to the confessions of sin; which (as an excellent Bishop of this church, upon the survey of this book, according to his wise and humble piety was pleased to give me his sense,) need more to be insisted upon than commonly we find; but that I feared such enlargements of the prayers might hinder many families from using them at all: and though now I was solicited again to hasten another review, in order to the impression, more additions you might have seen throughout the book; but that I should thus have made it too chargeable for some pockets, and too bulky for any.

The many emendations, therefore, which intelligent perusers may observe in this new edition, will not add either to the size or price; but only make some things more smooth and easy to those of inferior capacity; and the intermixture of so many words here than formerly, may not only better engage the attention, but quicken the sense of common readers.

May it please GOD to give the perusers of these helps, serious minds and praying hearts; the good intention, and fervent devotion, to make the fuel here prepared flame on the altar: and when thy soul, Reader, is so raised heavenward, send up one kind petition for his saving mercy on the poor unworthy Author.

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A Prayer for Devotion, and a right Frame of Spirit in the Worship of God.

O MOST High and Holy, Blessed and Glorious *Lord* my *God!* Thou wilt be *sanctified* in them that come nigh thee; and thou art greatly to be feared, and to be had in continual reverence of all that are about thee. Be pleased to sanctify my heart with thy *grace*, that I may sanctify the *Lord God* in my *heart*; and so draw nigh unto thee, that thou mayest draw nigh unto me: and in such manner pour out my heart before thee, that thou mayest pour down thy heavenly blessings and favours upon me.

I desire, O my *God*, to meet thee in thy way: and, in compliance with thy gracious appointment, I fall down and worship here at thy footstool, in the name and mediation of thy dear *Son*. For how unworthy am I to come into thy holy presence! And how unable, of myself, to perform any duties of service meet to be rendered unto thy heavenly Majesty! O let thy great *mercy* overlook my unworthiness; and by thy powerful grace, keep me from every *offensive*

thing that would make my prayers sin and al
mination to the *Lord*. And as thou hast ma
made me sensible of my duty, and of my ov
insufficiency to discharge it as I ought, so m
thy good *spirit* help my infirmities, and incre
my abilities for thy service; that without sin
dulness or distractions, I may worship thee
spirit and in truth, and serve thee with rev
ence and godly fear; yea, with all readin
and love, and delight in approaching unto *G*

Instruct me, gracious *Lord*, in the kno
ledge of thy *will*, and assist me in the way
my *duty*; that I may both understand what
thy pleasure concerning me, and also may fi
grace sufficient to perform it. O make me su
a spiritual worshiper as thou dost *seek*; and r
service such a spiritual sacrifice as thou wilt
cept.

Help me, my Strength and my Redeem
to offer my *heart* and *myself*, together with
prayers and addresses unto thee: that I may
be rash with my mouth, nor hasty in my hea
to utter any thing rudely before thee; nor dr
nigh to thee, with lips and body, when
heart is far from thee; but that heart and so
and all that is *within me*, may be taken up i
devout, faithful, and affectionate *attenda*
upon thee.

And thou that *hearest* prayers, O *quicken* r
that I may call upon thy *name*. And let
receive such *grace* from thee as may enable
to perfom *acceptable* service unto thee throu
the *beloved* of my soul, my only Saviour a
prevailing Advocate *Jesus Christ*. Amen.

A Family Prayer, in the Order of our Lord's Prayer.

O GOD, the *Father* of our *Lord Jesus Christ*, by eternal generation: the *Father* of all things, by temporal creation: and the *Father* of thy people, by adoption and spiritual regeneration! what manner of love is this, that we, of *rebels* against heaven, *slaves* of Satan, and children of wrath, shall be made the children of the *Most High*, and heirs of everlasting glory! We are thine, O Lord, for thou hast made us out of nothing, and looked upon us in our blood, to set us up again, after we had destroyed ourselves. Thou *art in heaven*] O that we may in heart and mind thither ascend; and with all lowliness worship at the footstool of thy glorious Majesty. Thou art *our Father:*] O that we may with trust and delight, *as children*, draw nigh unto thee; who hast all fulness both of power and mercy to do for us. And may we also love as brethren, and still hold together as dear children of the same *heavenly Father*.

And, O that all the world may give thee our *God* the glory due to thy great name!] that thou mayest be more known, and feared, and loved, and honoured, by us, and by all men as our supreme *Lord*, and as our chiefest good: that we may *glorify* thee as we ought, in our thoughts and desires, and in our words and ways.

O that the *kingdom* of sin and Satan may be still more and more weakened, till they be utterly destroyed! That all the powers on earth

may use for thee the authority which they have received from thee! That all the *kingdoms* o the world may become the *kingdoms* of ou Lord, and of his *Christ*; and *Jerusalem* b made the joy and praise of the whole earth! C that *Christ* may dwell and rule in our hearts b his spirit and grace; and make us a *willing peo ple*, the faithful subjects of his holy *kingdom* and still reign over us here, till we are mad fit to live and reign with him and all his redeem ed, in the heavenly glory for ever. O tho blessed and only Potentate! let thy *kingdo* come] so powerfully unto us, that thy *will ma be done*, still faithfully and cheerfully by us.

And may thy will and word, O Lord, an the way of salvation, be every where known up on the earth. Let the light of thy *gospel* shin and prevail, and win more *proselytes* dail throughout the world. O send the means o *grace* where they are not; and make them pros perous and successful where they are. Let th will of the word, and the will of our *God*, b the rule of our lives, to guide and sway us i all our ways. Make us more *conformable* to th will, in all that thou requirest of us; and mor *submissive* to thy will, in all that thou layest up on us. Yea, make us pleased with whatever i thy pleasure; and greatly to *love* thy word, an *delight* to do thy will, joyfully and cheerfully t to serve thee, as thy glorious *angels* and saint above, whose heaven is to please and enjoy th Lord.

And till we are fitted for the better gloriou *life to* come, give us, O *Father*, (of thy graci

ous bounty) all things needful and convenient for our present being here. Preserve us from all the snares and dangers that attend both the *prosperous* and the *afflicted* case. When we have this worlds *good*, O that we may use it wisely and piously, to th glory; and, whenever thou takest it from us, make us contented, patient and thankful; and the more intent upon that good which shall never be taken away. O good God! we beg that still we may be in that state of *body* which thou knowest to be best for our *souls;* and that all which we have in this life, may tend and help to speed us to the blessed life immortal.

We are ashamed and sorry that we have so much and so long dishonoured thy blessed name, disobeyed thy holy word, and abused thy rich mercy. We desired to return, and to be reconciled to our *God;* to be humbled and penitent for our sins, and to intreat thy gracious favour, *in Jesus Christ*, for the pardon of them. *Forgive us*] we beseech thee, *O Father of mercies* (for his sake) all the sins that ever we have committed against thee: especially we beg to be discharged from those *wasting* and *presumptuous* sins, committed against the strivings of thy spirit and the checks of our own enlightened minds, that have made the saddest breaches upon our peace, and filled our souls with the dread of thy *wrath*. O give us tokens for good, to persuade and assure our hearts that thou hast such mercy in store for us. And incline our hearts, *O Lord to forgive*,] and to be merciful, as we need to be *forgiven*, and as we desire to obtain *mercy*.

And, that iniquities may not prevail gainst us to spoil us for the future, *subdue* the O God of all grace, by the power of thy ho spirit; and never suffer us to be tempted abo the strength wherewith thy grace shall supp us. Make us wary to avoid all the *temptation* we can, and strong in the *Lord to overcon* what we must encounter. We are poor fr creatures; but thou, O Lord Almighty, stronger than the strong one: O do thou *prot* us, we beseech thee, by thy powerful aids: an so keep us from falling, that we may never made a prey to the cruel murderer of souls; n be delivered into those bitter pains of *eter death*, which are the sad wages of our sins; b may find a way to escape every *snare*, and preserved safe to thy heavenly kingdom.

Thine is the kingdom;] O Lord most hig thou art the King of all the world; and hap are they who are under the conduct of thy go spirit, as the willing subjects of thy spiritu kingdom. We desire and beg that we may found of that number. Save, *Lord*, and let t King of heaven hear us when we call.

We ask great things at thy hands, but n too great for the Almighty *God* to grant: *thine is the power;*] and thou art able to do us exceeding *abundantly*, even above all th we ask or think: O reveal thy glorious *arm* do the things worthy of *God*, which none b thy blessed Self can do; in forgiving and he ing, and helping us, who have undone ourselv and are hopeless, and *helpless* in ourselves.

Thine is the glory,] *O God;* and such are t

the wonders of thy grace, to get thee *glory* in the salvation of those that were *lost*.

Therefore, though we are exceedingly *guilty* and utterly unworthy, yet we do pray and hope that thou wilt glorify thy mercy, to remember us in our low estate: and to relieve us in all our wants and straits, who forsake every refuge else to come to thee, O blessed *God*, alone; and have all our expectation from thee; and our whole dependence upon thee; trusting only in thy gracious goodness, through the all-sufficient merits and mediation of our blessed Redeemer; and looking for the mercy of our *Lord Jesus Christ* to eternal life.

And to thee, O great and glorious *Lord* our *God*, whose *kingdom* ruleth over all: to thee who dost whatever thou pleasest in heaven and in earth: to thee who shewest forth all thy *glory* to the blessed that are in thy presence, be glory in the highest, and all thanks and praise ascribed of us, and of all the world, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Morning Prayer for a Family.

O LORD, the blessed God of our salvation! thou art the hope of all the ends of the earth, upon whom the eyes of all do wait: for thou givest unto all life, and breath, and all things. In thee we ever *live*, and *move*, and *are*; and upon thee we continually do depend for all the good that ever we have, or hope for. —Still thou takest care of us, and watchest for good over us; even in our rest and *sleep*, when we have not so much as any *thoughts* of caring

for ourselves: and daily thou renewest to us our *lives*, and thy *mercies*: every morning giving us new occasions still for thy *praise*, and our thankfulness. And thou hast given us the assurance of thy *word*, That if we commit our *affairs* to thee, and acknowledge thee in all our *ways*, thou wilt *establish* our thoughts, and *direct* our path. And therefore we desire, O Lord, still to put ourselves under thy gracious *conduct*, and thy fatherly protection; and to beg the heavenly guidance and blessing, and assistance of thy good *Spirit*, to chuse our *inheritance* for us; and to dispose of us, and of all that concern us, to the glory of thy name.

O *Lord*, withdraw not thy *tender mercies* from us, nor the comforts of thy *presence*, nor the assistance of thy *Spirit*, for our great contempt and manifold abuses of all such grace and goodness. Never punish our sins, by giving us over to the love and power of our sins: but give us true penitent hearts for all the evils committed by us; and thy merciful discharge from all the guilt that lies upon us. And grant us, O good *God*, the comfortable sense and apprehension of thy gracious *acceptance* of us, and thy merciful *intentions* towards us, in the Son of thy love, the Lover of our souls: that our souls may bless thee, and all that is within us may *praise thy holy name*.

And O that we may find the *joy* of the *Lord* to be our *strength*, to enable us against our sins; especially those sins to which we are most addicted, and whereof we are in greatest danger; *and to make us also more ready to every good*

work, and better disposed for all the duties of piety, justice, charity, and sobriety, which we owe to thee, our *God*, to our neighbour, and ourselves: that herein we may exercise ourselves to have always the conscience void of *offence* towards *God*, and towards men. O help us to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise; carefully *redeeming the time* that we have lost, and conscienciously improving all those seasons and means of grace, which thou art pleased to put into our hands, for the best profit and advantage of our *souls*. And while we are upon earth, O give us all things needful and convenient for our present pilgrimage; and sanctify to us all our enjoyments, and all estates that we go through, and all events that now befal us; till through the merits of thy Son, and the multitude of thy mercies, we are conducted safe to be *ever with the Lord*. Amidst all our other affairs in this world, O let us never forget or neglect the *one thing needful;* but be in greatest care so to demean ourselves every day, as may forward our comfortable accounts in the great day of thy *appearing* and *glory*.

O gracious Father! keep us, we beseech thee, this day in thy fear and favour; and help us to live to thy honour and glory. If thou guide us not, we shall run into errors; if thou preserve us not, we shall fall into dangers: O let thy good providence be our defence and security: and let thy *holy Spirit* be our guide and counsellor in all our ways. And grant that we may take the ways and courses agreeable to thy will, and acceptable in thy sight, through *Jesus Christ*:

n whose sacred name and words, we close up these our imperfect requests to thee, *Our Father*, &c.

Let thy grace, *O Lord Jesus Christ;* thy love, *O heavenly Father;* thy comfortable fellowship, *O holy blessed Spirit,* be with us, and with all whom we ought to beg thy mercy for in our prayers, this day, and for evermore. *Amen.*

Another Morning Prayer for a Family.

O LORD, thou art the God, whose we are, and whom we ought to serve with all the endowments and abilities for thy service wherewith thou hast blessed us. For thou hast laid upon us all the obligations of thy *laws*, and all the endearments of thy *love*, to be faithful in the *covenant* of our *God*, and to abound in the *work* of the *Lord*. But we desire to humble our sinful selves here before thee, that the dishonour which we have done thee, *O Lord*, has, by many degrees, exceeded all the service: that we have lived to ourselves more than to the *Lord* and Giver of our lives; and have served our own lusts and pleasures more than thy holy blessed *will*; which is the rule of all righteousness and in the performance whereof there is the greatest *reward*. O how have we disbelieved thy truths, disobeyed thy commands, disregarded thy promises and threats! and resisted and defeated all thy gracious methods to reclaim us from the evil of our ways, and to bring us over entirely to thyself.

We have sinned against thee our *God*, to the *infinite* wrong and damage of our own souls;

and by our sins we have spoiled and destroyed ourselves: but it is not in us to recover and save ourselves: no, in thee alone is all our help. Yea, Thou hast laid help upon one that is *mighty*, and able to save to the uttermost all that come to *God* through him: through whom thou hast encouraged us to come boldly to the *throne of grace*, that we may obtain *mercy*, and find *grace* to help in time of our *need*. In him therefore, we beg, *Lord*, that thou wilt be reconciled to us, and at *peace* with us, as a *Father* of mercies, and a *God* of consolation.

And for his sake, enable us also, we beseech thee, to demean ourselves as becomes the children of *God*, the redeemed of the *Lord*, and the members and followers of *Jesus Christ*. O put such principles of grace and holiness into our hearts, as may make us to hate all iniquity and every false way. And put thy spirit within us, causing us to walk in thy statutes, and to keep thy judgments, and to do them. Not only lay thy commands upon us; but be pleased, *O Lord*, to enable us for the performance of every *duty* required of us. And so engage our hearts to thyself, that we may make it our *meat* and *drink* to do thy will; and with enlarged *hearts*, run the way of thy commands. O make our services acceptable to thee while we live, and our souls ready for thee when we die. As long as we are in this world, keep us, *O Lord* our *God*, from the evil of it, and from the snares and dangers which thou knowest we are continually exposed to in it. O make our *passage* safe and sure, through all the changes, troubles,

temptations and various conditions of this mortal life, to the unchangeable glories and felicities of everlasting life.

Be merciful to us, good *Lord*, and bless us and keep us this day, in all our ways, and in all our lawful designs and undertakings: and may we take nothing in hand, but what is *warranted* by thy word. O let us be in the *fear* of the *Lord*, all the day long: let thy fear be ever before our eyes to restrain us from the things *provoking to our God* and *destructive to our souls*. And let thy *love* abound in our hearts and sweetly and powerfully constrain us to all faithful and cheerful obedience, acceptable in thy sight, through him that hath loved and redeemed us, even *the Lord our righteousness* in whose blessed name, and the words of prayer which himself has taught us, we continue praying.—*Our Father*, &c.

The blessing of GOD ALMIGHTY, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, be with us, and with all that belong to us, this day, and for evermore. *Amen*.

A third Morning Prayer.

O LORD God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth! thou keepest *mercy* for thousands, pardonest iniquity, transgression and sin; and doth not retain thy anger for ever, because thou delightest in *mercy*. How excellent is thy *loving kindness*, O God! Therefore do the sons of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. And therefore do we desire still to look up to that bountiful *hand* of thine, from whence

:vermore have received all our good things. ord our God! be thou pleased to look down cifully upon us, and be gracious and fa- :able to us, as thou usest to be unto those *love* thy name. O look not upon the sin ur *nature*, nor the sins of our hearts and s; which are more than we can remember, greater than we can express; and such as :e us seem vile, even in our own eyes, and ighly guilty before thy holy *Majesty*, that of the Lord's *mercies* we are not *consumed*, ause thy compassions fail not. But behold n mercy, through the merits and mediation hy Son our *Saviour*, who did no sin, and s manifested that he might take away our s: by whom it is, that we have this access the Majesty on high, and encouragement to ne into thy presence, for what we need, and at thou aboundest with, and art inclinable make thy poor creatures happy in the en- ment of.

And seeing there is in Christ Jesus an infi- e fulness of all that ever we can want or sh, to make us *holy*, and to make us most *ssed* eternally. O that we may all receive his fulness, grace sufficient for us, to pardon r sins, and to subdue our iniquities; to justify r persons, and to sanctify our souls; to com- :te upon our hearts and lives that holy *reno- ing* change, which may still more and more nsform us into the blessed *image* after which ou didst create us; and make us still more *et* to be partakers of the inheritance of thy *nts* in light.

And teach us, O Lord our God, to use this world without abusing it, and to enjoy the things of it, without losing our part in thy *love*, which is better than life. Whatever we have of the world, O may we have the same, with thy leave and love, *sanctified* to us by the word of God, and prayer; and by the right employment and improvement thereof to thy glory, who art the gracious Giver of all our good things. And whatsoever we want of the things of this life, O Lord our heavenly Father, leave us not destitute of any of those things that accompany *salvation*; but adorn our souls with all such *graces* of thy Holy Spirit, as may enable us to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, by such a conversation as does become it.

Help us, O gracious Lord, in the whole of our duty to thee our God; and also in the discharge of all relative duties which we owe to men, whether superiors, equals, or inferiors, (all with whom we have our conversation in the world,) that we may walk wisely toward them that are *without*, and kindly toward them that are *within*, and not be justly offensive unto any, but what in us lies, *useful* and *beneficial* to all. And thus let us pass the time of our sojourning here in thy fear and favour, and to thy honour and glory; that, at our last review thereof, thy name may have the *praise*, and our souls the *comfort*, in the hour of *death*, and in the great *day* of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And now that thou hast renewed our lives

and thy mercies, to this morning, help us, good God, to renew our desires, and resolutions, and endeavours, to live in the *obedience* of thy holy will, and to the *honour* of thy blessed name. O restrain us from the evils and follies to which we are prone to fall, and quicken us to the offices and duties which we are averse to perform.—And grant that we may think and speak, and will and do, the things becoming the children of our heavenly Father, and so find the strong consolations of thy *gracious acceptance* in Jesus Christ our Saviour; who, when we pray, has taught us to say—*Our Father*, &c.

A fourth Morning Prayer.

O LORD God, that *hearest* prayers, and art *nigh* to all that call upon thee in truth, having thy ears open to a world of creatures, that continually depend upon thee! as we are moved by our own necessities, so are we encouraged by the daily *experience* of thy mercies still to shelter ourselves under the shadow of thy wings, and to continue our suits and supplications at the throne of thy *grace*. And we beg of thee, who fashionest all the hearts of the sons of men, that thou wilt prepare our hearts to come into thy holy presence, and call upon thy blessed name, in a due and *acceptable* manner. O! pour upon us the spirit of *grace* and of *supplication*; and let thy good Spirit help our infirmities, and teach us to *pray*, and to ask such things, and in such a way, as shall be most agreeable to thy will, and most advantageous to *our souls*.

We have taken upon us to speak unto tl the Sovereign Majesty of heaven and earth, v are but poor worms, and sinful dust and ash that have too just cause to be afraid, lest great and manifold sins had provoked thee hide thy face from us, and to shut up thy ing-kindness in displeasure against us: for have done foolishly and wickedly, in not hea ening to the calls of thy *word*, nor yielding the motions of thy *Spirit*, to walk in the w which thou hast set before us. Our *iniqui* are increased over our heads; our *trespass* grown even up to heaven, and our sins ar sore burden, too grievous and heavy for us bear. They are infinite debts, and sad counts; for which if thou, O Lord, shou enter into judgment with us, we could answer thee *one of a thousand*; but must our hands upon our mouths, and plead notl but *guilty*, having our whole dependence u thy *mercy*.

O God be merciful to us, miserable sinn for his sake whom thou hast exalted to b Prince and a Saviour, to give *repentance* to people, and *forgiveness* of their sins: be m ciful to us, we pray thee, and *heal* our so that have greatly sinned against thee. O our *backslidings*, renew us to repentance, es lish our hearts in thy true fear and love, establish our goings in thy holy ways; that may not be so wavering and bent to back ing, nor revolt from thee to return to *folly* ter thou in mercy hast spoken *peace* to our so but may go on conquering and to conque

the enemies of our souls, and all the hinderances of our *salvation*, till Satan be bruised under our feet.

O thou God of all grace! bring such thoughts to our minds, and lay such considerations home powerfully upon our hearts, as thou knowest most effectual to prevail with us, to work in us thy *will*, and to keep us from our iniquity, within the bounds of our *duty*, till thou receive us into the blessed kingdom of thy *glory*. And in the mean time, sanctify to us all thy *dealings* with us; and bless us in all our undertakings, and in all our conditions, fruitions, and relations. Make us *humble* in an high estate, *contented* in a low, and still duly *careful* of our souls in all: following after the things now which will bring us true comfort at the last.

Dispose of us, we beseech thee, our God, and of all that concerns us this day, to the glory of thy name. O keep us at all times, and in all places and companies, from the evil of *sin*, and from all other *evils*, to which the greatness of our sins does make us liable. And take thou O heavenly Father, the gracious charge, and guidance, and government of us; and so lead us here in all our ways, with thy *counsel*, that hereafter thou mayest receive us into thy glory, through thy tender mercies, and our Saviour's abundant merits: in whose own words, we beg all things needful for ourslves and others, at thy hands.

Our Father, &c.

A fifth Morning Prayer.

O LORD our God! thy name is most excellent in all the earth: thou hast set up thy glory above the heavens, and thou art worthy to be celebrated with everlasting praises of *men* and *angels:* for thou hast created all things and for thy pleasure it is that they are and were created. Thy hands, O Lord, have made us and fashioned us, and thou hast breathed into our nostrils the breath of *life:* yea, still thou holdest our souls in life, and givest us every good thing that makes our lives a *blessing* and a *comfort* to us. Thou hast formed us for *thyself*, that we should shew forth thy *praise*, and live to thy *glory*, as we do continually live upon thy *bounty*.

But, O Lord our God! we have not brought thee the glory which thou hast made us *capable* of, and so many ways *obliged* us to: instead of that, O how greatly have we dishonoured thee our God, in the whole course and conduct of our lives! Time after time, forgetting our gracious Giver of all our good things, who art never unmindful of us: And O how soon have we been weary to do thee *service*, who art never weary to do us *good!* Yea, we have not only neglected thy work, but have been disobedient against thy word, and have taken bold liberties to go on after our own foolish and hurtful lusts, in such ways of living as thy laws and our own hearts disallow and condemn us for.

And for these things we desire to pour out our hearts, and to humble our sinful selves here *before* thee; entreating thy gracious *favour*, for

the sake of that mercy of thine in Christ Jesus, which has moved thee to spare us so long, and to do so much for us already, that thou wilt be pleased to give us *repentance* and *pardon* for all that is past, wherein we have offended thee; whether in omitting of our duty, or failing in it, or doing contrary to it. However we have transgressed, O humble us duly under the sense of it; and for thy dear Son's sake absolve us thoroughly from the guilt of it.

And strengthen us, good Lord, with might by the *Spirit in the inner man*, to make us more watchful against, and more victorious over the corruption of our nature, the temptations of the devil, and the distractions and allurements of this sinful world wherein we live. O destroy in us every *vicious inclination*, *evil habit*, and *rebellious motion*, that exalts itself against the *knowledge* of God, and against the *obedience* of our Lord Jesus Christ. And increase and confirm in us, still more and more, thy true knowledge and faith, and fear, and love, and every grace of thy holy Spirit, which thou knowest to be most wanting in us, and necessary for us such as may make our lives still more comfortable to ourselves, more profitable to others, and more to the glory of thy name. And however it goes with us, as to the concerns of this present time, O that we may still be found in the way of our *duty*, fearing God, and working righteousness; that we may secure our *interest* in the great Saviour of the world; so that when all here shall fail us, thou mayest take us to and *be the strength of our hearts and* our portion *for evermore.*

Day by day we magnify thee, O Lord, who makest every day of our lives still a further addition to thy mercies. We bless thee for our last night's preservation and protection, and for the rest and refreshment which thou hast given us therein. O cause us to hear thy loving kindness in the morning, for in thee do we trust; cause us to know the way wherein we shall go for we lift up our souls to thee. Cast us not away from thy presence; take not thy *holy Spirit* from us; but direct all our ways to please thee our God, that thou mayest crown us with *blessing* and good *success*. Help us to see thy *power*, to own thy *presence*, to admire thy *wisdom*, and to love thy goodness to all thy creatures. And by all the comforts of creatures; O draw our hearts still nearer to thyself, the blessed Creator of every comfort; and let our meditations of God be *sweet* as well as *frequent*, that delighting ourselves in the Lord, thou mayest give unto us the desires of our heart. Such thy mercy and grace we beg for ourselves, and all ours, and thine, every where, in our great Mediator's form of prayer.

Our Father, &c.

A sixth Morning Prayer.

WE do here present ourselves this morning before thy heavenly glorious Majesty, most blessed Lord our God, with the desire of our souls, to pay unto thee that tribute of homage, service, prayer, and praise, which thou hast made us capable of, and every way oblig*us to.* We desire to perform the same in

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ınd our services, at the hands of Jesus
In his great name we come to thee, at
ıand, and worship here at thy foot-tool,
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thy is the *Lamb of God*, slain to take a-
sins of the world, for whose sake thou
mercifully look upon us; for he has ful-
ose holy laws, which we have broken,
fectly satisfied the justice of heaven, for
breaches of them. And in him thou
ıd gracious and merciful to poor sinners
ıerve nothing from thee, but to be for-
nd abhorred by thee. Unto us belong
ınd confusion of face for our sins, and
expectation of all the judgments and
which thy holy laws denounce against
; if thou, Lord, should be *strict*, to mark
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ightest.

O gracious Father, regard not what we
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has done *for us:* nor what we have
ourselves, but what he is *made* of thee
ıd unto us. And O that Christ may be
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people, *wisdom* and *righteousness*, and
cation and *redemption;* that his precious
nay cleanse us from all our sins; and that
ace of thy holy Spirit may further renew

and sanctify our souls, and subdue our iniquities, and mortify our lusts; quicken us to, and enable us for, the performance of all duties of thy holy service. O let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey it in the lust thereof. Let there be no sin in us but what is felt and hated, bewailed and resisted by us: and let us approve our very *hearts* to thee the Searcher of them; and all our *ways* still pleasing in thy holy sight.

O teach us to know thee our God, and enable us to do thy *will* as we ought to do. Give us hearts to fear thee, and love thee; to trust and delight in thee, and to adhere and cleave in faithfulness unto thee. That no temptations may draw us, nor any tribulations drive us from thee: but that all thy *dispensations* to us, and all thy *dealings* with us, may be the messengers of thy love to our souls, to bring us still nearer to thy *blessed self*, and to make us still fitter for thy heavenly kingdom. Quicken us O Lord, in our dulness; that we may not serve thee in a lifeless and listless manner; but may abound in thy work, and be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. And make us also faithful in all the offices of *intercourse* with our neighbours; that we may be ready to do *good*, and bear *evil*, and forbear *revenge*; to be just, kind, merciful, meek, peaceable, patient, sober, temperate, humble, self-denying, inoffensive and useful in the world. That so glorifying thee here upon earth, we may, at our departure hence, enter into the joy of our Lord, and be *for ever glorified* in thy heavenly kingdom.

O thou that hast kept us alive to this *day*, and hast been still good and kind to us all our *days*, renew thy *mercy* to us (we beseech thee) together with this morning light: and as thou makest the outgoings of the *morning* and *evening* to rejoice, so lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and make us glad with the *tokens* of thy love: and thou that art ever present with us, O make us ever well aware of thy *presence*, that we may duly remember thee in all our ways, wisely and piously demean ourselves in all our affairs. Be with us, good Lord, at our *going* out and our *coming* in; and let thy grace follow us this day, and all the days of our life. Be thou our guide unto death, in death our comfort, and after death our portion and happiness everlasting. O hear us from heaven thy dwelling place; and, when thou hearest, have mercy: forgive the sins of our persons, and the sins of our prayers; and do more for us than we are worthy to expect at thy hands, for his sake, who alone is worthy: in whose comprehensive words we sum up all our desires.

Our Father, &c.

A seventh Morning Prayer.

O LORD God Almighty, thou art the Sovereign Majesty of heaven and earth, against whom all our sins have been committed, by whom alone they can be pardoned, our iniquities subdued, our souls sanctified, and all our wants and necessities supplied. Thou art able, and also ready, to hear and help, to bless and save thy people that look up unto thee, wait,

call and depend upon thee. We have none to repair to for remedy against the evils of our sins, but unto thee, the great God, against whom we have greatly sinned: who delightest to shew mercy to the miserable, and lovest the occasions of glorifying thy compassion, in helping us out of those straits and perplexities into which our sins have cast us, from which all the world else cannot save us. We come, Lord, begging that mercy which thou knowest we extremely want and grace to help in time of our need. We beg the same, for the sake of thy infinitely beloved Son, our most worthy prevailing Advocate; whose blood alone is of virtue and value sufficient to fetch out all stains wherewith our sins have defiled our souls.

We are unclean, Lord, we are unclean: O how abominable at the worst, and how imperfect at the very best: but if thou look upon us in the Son of thy eternal love, thou wilt not abhor our guilty souls. Prepare us for the mercies of that Saviour which thou hast prepared for our souls; O make us to feel the burthen and bitterness of our sins; and help us to find them out, to our repentance and reformation, that they may never find us out to our ruin and destruction. Holy Father! carry on with power thy victory over our corruptions and the work of faith and grace, and sanctification in our souls. Quicken us, O Lord our God, and stir us up to thy work; and help and assist us in the performance of all the duties lying upon us which of ourselves thou knowest how unable we are to perform. O thou that workest in us

will and to do of thy good pleasure, be pleas-
to ordain peace for us, as thou hast also
ought all our works in us. Establish the
ng, O God, which thou hast wrought for us;
d go on to work mightily upon our hearts by
y grace, till our souls are fitted for the eternal
joyment of thy glory.

Dear Lord, thy mercies are fresh and new to
every morning. We laid us down and slept
ıd again awaked; for thou hast sustained us,
ıd kept us from the terrors of the night, and
om all sad accidents, to rise in peace and
fety. Glory be to thee, O God of our salva-
on, who art still so mindful of us, and merci-
l to us. Go on, we pray thee, to be good to
s this day, and teach us how to carry ourselves
ıd to order all our affairs. O direct our un-
ertakings, and prosper our endeavours. Raie
ır hearts in thy fear and love, and our lives to
ıy honour and praise. O keep us from evil,
ıd help us to do that which is good and pleas-
g to our God, through Jesus Christ. Give us,
ord, all that we have asked as we should;
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ıd give us all else needful that we should
ıve asked; which we continue to beg in the
mprehensive words of thy dear Son.

Our Father, &c.

Evening Prayer for a Family.

O LORD, our God! thou art infinitely great and infinitely good. Thy glory is ove all our thoughts, and thy mercies are over thy works. And above all thy mercies, we

have cause to admire, and bless and praise the for those mercies, which in so large a measur and especial manner, thou hast been please still to vouchsafe unto us, who are the daily ob jects of thy bounty, and do continue still th living monuments of thy goodness. Where th glorious perfections check and forbid our ap proaches, thy gracious attributes do invite an encourage our applications unto thee, and em bolden us to look upon thee, as our most kin and merciful Father in Jesus Christ. And tho we have great and many sins to confess, ye will we confess them, in hopes of thy pardo of them, and of power from on high to enabl us against them.

Thou didst create us, O Lord, after thy own blessed image, in an holy and happy estate but we have made ourselves vile and miserable quite unlike the things which at first we cam out of thy hands; averse to good, prone to evi and so very full of provocation, that it is th wonderful patience with us, and loving kind ness to us, that thou hast not, long before thi time, cut us off in our sins, and shut us up un der final despair of thy mercy. But thou ha so far declared thy willingness to be reconcile even to thy enemies, that thou hast sent th only Son into the world, upon the grand erran of our salvation: that whosoever believe in hi should not perish in their sins, but have ever lasting life, for his sake. O Lord, we believe help our unbelief; and give us the true r pent ance towards God, and the right faith in ou Lord Jesus Christ; that we may be of th

r of those who do indeed repent and
, to the saving of the soul.
l save us, O good Lord, from our sinful
from the love and course of this present
orld, and from every self-destroying way
we are tempted to follow. Make us a
o escape out of all the snares of tempta-
wherewith we have been entangled and
and sore let and hindered in running the
et before us. And make thy ways plain
us, and so full of invitations to us, that
ay be thoroughly convinced of their good-
nd excellence, and resolvedly give up our-
to follow them: that our own experience
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ngage us to it, than all allurements and
ragements in the world to put us beside
stablish, O Lord, and strengthen and
us; that going forth in thy strength, we
lo thy will to all well pleasing; and con-
in thy fear and love to our lives end.
hich things we beg not for ourselves alone,
lso for all whom we ought to intreat thy
for in our prayers. O bring nigh unto
ll those that are yet far off, and make ma-
the Saviour of thy knowledge in every
; that such as yet sit in darkness and the
w of death, may come to see the light of
uth, and the joy of thy salvation. O that
one who names the name of Christ may
t from iniquity, and so live up to their
and holy profession, that they may give no
occasion to the enemies of the Lord to
heme; but adorn the doctrine of God our

Saviour in all things, and to put to silence t ignorance of foolish men by well doing.

Be gracious and favourable, O Lord, in especial manner to that part of thy chur which thou hast planted in this and the neig bouring nations whereto we belong. Arise, God, and plead thy own cause, and mainta thy true and holy religion, which thou hast long and so wonderfully owned and asserte among us. O let not the enemies of thy chur ever have cause to say that they have prevail against thy people: but let all that do espou thy cause, and stand up for the honour and d fence of thy truth, be still prevalent and pr perous in all their pious designs; and still ha cause to say, "the Lord be magnified, w has pleasure in the prosperity of his servants.

Bless with the choicest of thy blessings, t King, whom thou hast put in authority over O Lord, protect his person, direct his counc make his government still easy and happy, b to himself and us; and prosper all his und takings and endeavours for his own hono and for the public safety, peace, and welfa Give all magistrates wisdom and courage defend the truth, and to do right to all. Ma ministers an ensample to the flock, in all sol ety, righteousness, and holiness of living: a establish us all an holy people to thyself; gra ing us one heart, and one way, that we m all agree in the same faith, and adorn it w a suitable life.

Comfort all that want the comforts which do enjoy; and apply thyself in a way of agre

ble mercy to the several necessities and calamities of all thy afflicted ones, wheresoever or howsoever they are tried. Remember, with the favour which thou bearest to thy people, all our friends and benefactors, our kindred after the flesh, and whoever are dear to us on any other account. Make them, O Lord, such as thou wouldst have them and such as in Christ Jesus, thou wilt mercifully accept of here to thy gracious favour, and hereafter to thy glorious kingdom. Forgive our enemies, and turn their hearts; and turn ours to forgive them. And direct all our ways to please thee, that thou mayest make even our enemies to be at peace with us.

Hear us, O God of the spirits of all flesh! hear us for ourselves and others; others for themselves and us: and hear the Son of thy love, the Lover of our souls, for us and all the members of thy church militant here on earth, whereof Christ Jesus in heaven is the glorious head. For him, and to him, with thine eternal Self, most holy Father, and the blessed Spirit of grace, our Guide and Comforter, be all thanks and praise, and honour and glory, humbly and heartily rendered and ascribed by us, and all thy people, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Another Evening Prayer for a Family.

OUR ever blessed and most gracious God! thou art the Lord and Giver of our lives and hopes, and of all our enjoyments and comforts. To thee we do owe ourselves, and all

that ever we are capable of rendering and a cribing. For by thee, O Lord, we were cr ated, and had our being; and thro' thy goc providence it is, that we still have been spare and preserved, and cared and provided fc throughout our whole lives, unto this prese time. From thee, our God, comes all our hel and in thee is reposed all our hope. Thou a the bountiful Giver of all the good that our sou desire, and the merciful Witholder of all th evil that our sins deserve.——We acknow ledge thy great and daily goodness to us, an our own exceeding unworthiness of the least (all thy mercies. We take shame and confusio to ourselves, that we have so little improve(and so greatly abused, all thy patience with ı and all the various instances of thy bounty t us. For even thy mercies help to inflame th heavy reckoning of our offences, because w have done so much against thee, after all th great things thou hast done for us. We desir O Lord, to be penitent and humbled for o sins; and to intreat thy gracious favour, in J sus Christ, for the pardon of them. Forgi us, we pray thee, for his sake, all the sins th we ever have committed against thee, and a solve us from all the evil whereof we now stai guilty before thee. And being justified l faith, grant us peace with God, through o Lord Jesus Christ.

And we pray, that thou wilt be to us a F ther of mercies, and a God of consolation; that thou wilt make us followers of God, dear children; ever jealous over our hearts, ai

watchful over our ways; constantly fearing to offend, and endeavouring to please thee! and keeping our hearts with all diligence, that they may not be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Thou knowest, O Lord, our weakness and danger of temptations; our danger from the cruel, subtle enemy of our souls; and from this present world, that is so full of snares; and from our own vile flesh, and deceitful hearts, so apt to betray us into the enemies hands: we pray, therefore, good Lord, that thou wilt arm us with the whole armour of God, and uphold us with thy free spirit, and watch over us for good evermore. Especially in the times of our sorest trials, let us experience the strongest aids of thy heavenly grace, that we may never fall a miserable prey to those deadly enemies that seek to devour us

And teach us, our God, to know the day of grace, and the time of our visitation, and to see the things of our peace, and duly to mind and settle the great eternal affairs of our souls, in this our day, before they be hid from our eyes. And while we have time, O enable us to use and improve it to those great ends for which thou art pleased to put that precious talent into our hands, that we may make the short and uncertain stay which we have here, an opportunity of securing to ourselves a sure and everlasting well-being, when we shall depart from hence.

And seeing thou art pleased yet to hold our souls in life, and to make us find and feel, by every day's experience, how abundanty graci-

ous and merciful thou art, with much patien and long-suffering enduring us, and with lo ing kindness and manifold blessings still pr venting and following us. O give us hearts mo sensible of thy love, more affected with th mercy, and more thankful for those continue favours which thou art pleased to multiply u on us. And help us to shew forth thy prais and the truth of our thanks, not only in speal ing good of the name of God, but so orderin our conversations as becomes the gospel of ou Lord Jesus Christ.

And to thy mercy in him, most merciful Fa ther, we do now but only recommend ourselv and all that we are, and have, this presen night; beseeching thee to preserve and defen and bless and keep us, both in soul and bod from all evils and dangers, to which the weal ness of our frame, and the greatness of our sin do expose us. And grant us such comfortab repose, whereby our frail nature may be r freshed, and our decayed strength recovere that we may rise again better fitted and en bled to serve thee according to thy will, in a the duties of the following day, if thou shalt l pleased to make addition of another day to o lives. And as thou addest days and mercie be pleased also to add repentance and amen ment to our lives; that as we come nearer our end, we may be made still fitter for the e joyment of thy heavenly kingdom; that eve day may bring us still so much nearer to tho everlasting joys and glories which thou ha prepared for them that love thee. And for a

the good things that ever we have had, and do at present enjoy, and yet hope for, from thy bountiful hands, thine, O blessed glorious Lord, our God, be the praise, and honour, and glory, offered up with all grateful hearts, by us, and thy whole church, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

A third Evening Prayer.

O LORD, thou art our gracious God, our chiefest good, and our most merciful Father in Jesus Christ: in whose great name, and prevailing mediation, alone it is, that we, who have multiplied our offences against thee, are encouraged still to present our persons and our prayers here before thee. It is a privilege which we must acknowledge ourselves utterly unworthy to enjoy, that thou shouldst admit us into thy service; yea, into fellowship with thy blessed Self. We durst not appear in the presence of such a holy glorious Majesty, in our own names, or trusting in any merits or righteousness in ourselves; being conscious to so much of our sin and guilt as may make us ashamed to come before thy face, and to tremble for fear of thy judgments. But we come in the name and mediation of thy dear Son, whom thou dost infinitely love above all, who has fully satisfied thy justice for our sins, and does continually intercede at thy right-hand for our souls; whom thou delightest to honour in sparing, accepting, and saving, poor unworthy sinners upon his account. O deliver us, most gracious Lord, for his sake, from all our transgres-

sions, for which our hearts condemn us; and from all, of which thou, that art greater than our hearts, knowest us to be guilty. And seal to us a full pardon, in his most precious blood, which speaks better things in our behalf than we are able to do ourselves, in all our prayers.

And may the time past of our lives suffice to have lived to ourselves, and to have lived to ourselves, and to have served our own lusts and pleasures. O put an end to all our presumptuous and treacherous dealings with thy heavenly all-seeing Majesty; and grant us new and clean, humble and contrite hearts, to tremble at thy word and presence, and to hate and abandon all our foolish and sinful misdoings. And wilt thou engage to thyself, O blessed Lord, the best and frequentest thoughts of our minds, the chief and choicest affections of our hearts, and the main tendency and activity of our souls. O let us be taken up with such content and delight in attendance upon thee, and communion with thee, that the most tempting things of this world may not pull us down into an inordinate or immoderate love of them; nor disturb and hinder us in the pursuit of what our faith foresees, and what thy love has prepared for, and promised to thy servants.

Hear us O Lord, for ourselves, and let our supplications also ascend before thee in the behalf of all men living. Send thy word, and the means of grace, to such as are yet destitute of them; and make them efficacious, and the savour of life to those that do enjoy them. Convert the unconverted, and perfect thy good

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that all the habitations of Christians may be houses of prayer, and be thou especially kind to the several families where thy blessed name is called upon. Let thy heavenly blessings, and thy saving grace descend and rest upon us here in this family. O guide us, and keep us; make us wise and faithful in our duty, and prosperous and blessed in the issue. Bless all our present estates to us, and fit us all for whatsoever thou shalt be pleased to call us to. O teach us how to want, and how to abound; and both in a prosperous and a suffering condition, secure our hearts to thyself, and make us ever to approve ourselves sincere and faithful in thy service.

And now, O Lord, be pleased to accept our evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, to thee the Father of mercies, and fountain of all goodness, for the mercies of the day past, and for thy great mercy and goodness, that has hitherto followed us all the days of our life. For our lives have been filled with thy mercies, and thou hast abounded towards us in loving-kindness, and variety of thy sweet and comfortable blessings, pertaining to this world and a better; passing by our innumerable sins, as if thou sawest them not, thou goest on still to oblige us with new favours. O dear Lord, imprint and preserve upon our hearts a lively grateful sense and remembrance of all thy kindness unto us, that our souls may bless thee, and all that is within us may praise thy holy name. Yea, let us give thee thanks from the ground *of the* heart, and praise our God, whilst we

have our being. And for all thy patience with us, thy care over us, and thy continual mercy to us, blessed be thy name, O Lord God, our heavenly Father: and unto thee be all thanks, and praise, and love, and obedience, and honour and glory, offered by us, and all thine, every where, now and evermore. *Amen.*

A fourth Evening Prayer.

O LORD, the infinite, incomprehensible God, who art before all, art above all, and wilt be for ever the same, when time shall be no more. Thou hast heaven for thy throne, and the earth for thy footstool, and all the things in both continually in thy sight, and at thy disposal. Thou art the Searcher of our hearts, and the Overseer of our whole lives, here and everywhere present, and now and evermore thou seest us, and compassest our path, and our lying down, and art thoroughly acquainted with all our ways. Thou knowest, O Lord, the dulness and hardness, the vanity and deceitfulness of our hearts; how much ado we have to bring and keep them in an holy frame, fit to attend upon thy heavenly Majesty: for that we were born sinners, and so have lived and continued; and by custom of sinning, and still adding sin unto sin, we have made ourselves more the children of wrath than we were by nature; transgressing thy holy, good and righteous laws; abusing thy great and manifold mercies; tempting thy patience, despising thy goodness, offending thee more, even for thy long forbearance with us, and making the very

abundance of thy grace our encouragement to continue in our sins: so that the least of all those mercies which we do enjoy, is far above any thing that we have reason to expect at the hands of that God whom we have so greatly provoked. And justly mightest thou, O Lord, withdraw thy tender mercies from us, and pour out thy wrath and indignation to the uttermost upon us; making us to find and feel, by woeful experience, what an evil and bitter thing it is to trespass upon thee, as we have done. Thou mightest make us experience the same in the place of torment and outward darkness, where is weeping and wailing and knashing of teeth, and from whence there is no redemption.

But thou art a God of wonderful patience, to bear with sinners; and a God of infinite goodness and mercy, to forgive the sins of all them that are penitent. Thou hast said, that if the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return to the Lord thou wilt have mercy upon him, and abundantly pardon. But, O Lord, thou knowest that without thee we cannot so much as come unto thee, unless thou meet us with thy heavenly grace, and help us with thy Almighty assistance. We humbly beg, therefore, that thou wilt be graciously pleased to stretch forth thy powerful and merciful hand, to loose the captive chain wherein our sins have entangled our souls. And let it be thy gracious pleasure O blessed Lord, to set us free from every weight of sin, and yoke of bondage, that lies heavy upon our souls, and unfits us to serve thee with

that sincerity, and readiness, and gladness, which thou requirest of thy people. O help us to see and feel, to hate and bewail, and confess and forsake our sins, that we may have the well-grounded apprehension, and the comfortable persuasion of thy forgiveness of them; thy acceptance of us, and that love to us, in the blessed Son of thy eternal love!

And for his sake, wilt thou grant us, O Lord, the increase of thy grace, and such aids of thy Holy Spirit, as may enable us against our sins, and fit us for all the duties of thy service, which either we have neglected, or but unduly or faultily performed: that we may serve thee, our God, sincerely, without hypocrisy; cheerfully, without dulness; universally, without partiality; and constantly, without falling away, or being weary in well-doing. Thou art not weary in doing us good; O let us never be weary in doing thy service! but as thou has pleasure in the prosperity of thy servants, so let us take pleasure in the service of our Lord, and abound in thy work, and in thy love and pleasure evermore. O fill up all that is wanting, and reform whatever is amiss in us, and perfect that which concerns us; making us such in our hearts, and in our lives, towards thee our God, that we may obtain thy blessed peace here, and thy heavenly glory hereafter. And be thou pleased to grant us now, out of the riches of thy grace, the comfortable sense of thy gracious acceptance of us, and thy merciful intentions towards us. O, speak peace to our consciences, and say to our souls,—thou art our

salvation; that we may look upon thee, our God, as a reconciled Father to us in Jesus Christ.

In his great name, and prevailing mediation, we enlarge our petitions, in behalf of the whole race of mankind that are now with us alive upon earth. O that all the ends of the world may remember themselves, and turn to the Lord, and see the salvation of our God! do good, O God, in thine own good pleasure, to Zion, and build thou the walls of Jerusalem, that we may see the good of it all the days of our lives. Continue thy mercies to this sinful land, whereof we are sinful members. Teach us to know the meaning of thy dispensations to us; and help us to improve by all thy dealings with us. O turn all our hearts to thee, as the heart of one man; and reform all our lives, according to the holy pattern and precepts of our Lord, that thou mayest cause thy anger towards us to cease; and go on still to take care of us, and never leave nor forsake us.

Bless abundantly the king's majesty, who now sways the sceptre of these realms. O Lord preserve his life, prolong his days, and prosper his government. Give him the hearts of his subjects, and the necks of his enemies. Make him the rejoicing of thy people, and a terror only to evil doers. O continue him long a zealous defender of the faith, a promoter of thy fear, and asserter of our rights, that under his shadow we may be in peace and safety, enjoying the liberty of the gospel, and the free profession and eſtablishment of thy true and holy

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A fifth Evening Prayer.

O LORD, we desire to seek thy face, a to wait upon thee in the duties of worship; intreating thy gracious favour, w our whole hearts, that we may do all as ought, with good acceptance to our God. And to whom should we make our applicati but unto thee, the Father of mercies, and fountain of all goodness, who art able to exceeding abundantly for us, even above that we ask or think; and who hast decla thy willingness to be importuned and solici by us; and thy readiness to hear, and he and answer us, in those things which we at thy gracious and bountiful hands, in name and mediation of our gracious Lord a Saviour. O let our prayers be set before t as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice, pleasing to thee, God, in the Son of thy love. It is in his bles

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our temptations less, or thy grace in us, and our spiritual strength, still greater than all our temptations: that no iniquities may prevail against us, nor any presumptuous sin have dominion over us. O make us more conformable to the pattern and precepts of our Saviour; and more transformed into his holy image and likeness; that we may not profess the religion of Jesus Christ, to the wrong and disparagement of it, nor make the way of truth, by reason of us, to be evil spoken of: but let our light shine before men, to the glory of thee, our heavenly Father, and to the edification of those with whom we have our conversation.

And seeing the time of our abode in this transitory world is so very short and uncertain, and we have an everlasting state to abide in after our departure hence, where we must be happy or miserable eternally, according to what we do now in the body; O let us not here set up our rest, as if we were at home upon earth, nor flatter ourselves with the thoughts of long life, or sure enjoyment of any of these things that perish in the using; but all the days of our appointed time may we wait till our change come: and not only live in expectation of it, but in the daily serious preparation for it, in the exercise of all those graces and good works that may make it unto us Christ to live, and gain to die: that in life and death we may be always thine; still safe in thy hands, and acceptable in thy sight.

And, together with our own, we commend to thy mercy, O God of the spirits of all flesh,

the necessities and distresses of all our brethren throughout the world. O, enlighten the ignorant, quicken the careless, awake the secure, convince the erroneous, reclaim the vicious, establish the unsettled, and comfort the dejected. Bring all to the knowledge and love of thy truth, and to the participation of thy grace, and the obedience of Christ; and so to the blessed hope of thy heavenly glory, and the eternal salvation of our souls. We pray, as more particularly bound, for the king, and all magistrates and ministers, and all our friends and relations, and all thy servants, and all the afflicted, everywhere; especially those for whose happiness and salvation thou knowest us to be chiefly concerned. O do thou for us, and for them, as thou knowest best, and most needful and expedient, for thy own mercy's sake in Jesus Christ.

And, as we pray to thee for what we want, so we desire to praise thee for all that we have received at thy hands. And, blessed be thy name, O Lord, that we have any thing, yea, that we have so many things to bless and praise thee for. O what shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits! What can we give thee, our God, but the glory of thy own gifts and goodness unto us. O, dear Lord! let not our hearts be shut and straightened towards thee, whose hand is every day so open unto us; but do thou possess and enlarge these hearts of ours with more and greater love and thankfulness to thee, who hast so abounded in mercy and loving-kindness towards us, that we may give thee

thee thanks with all our hearts, and glorify
name for evermore.

And now that the night is upon us, and
are ready to betake ourselves to rest, we co
mit ourselves to thy gracious protection, w
never sleepest nor slumberest, but hast sti
watchful eye upon thy people. O watch o
us, our God, we pray thee, for our good, t
none of the evils or harms which our sins h
deserved may befal us. Preserve us from
works and from the snares of darkness and fr
all the terrors and dangers of the night. Le
our sins, to day, or heretofore committed,
removed out of thy sight, and shew us the li
of thy countenance, O Lord, to refresh us v
the sense of thy blessed love and favour,
our dear Redeemer: for whom and to wh
with thy eternal Self, and holy Spirit, be
thanks and praise, and honour and glory,
cribed by us, and all thy church, from this t
forth, world without end. *Amen.*

A sixth Evening Prayer.

O LORD, our God, most high and mig
most wise and holy, and just and go
Thou art, and ever wast, and for ever shall
tinue, unspeakably blessed and glorious, al
all that we are able to express or to conce
Thou dost not need the services of men o
gels to make the least addition to thy glory
bliss. Men cannot be profitable unto G
our goodness will not extend to the Lord.
in kindness and love to our souls it is, that
art pleased to lay thy commands upon

ı thee in these duties of thy immediate
which is the blissful employment of all
ous host of heaven. Thou humblest
ven to behold the things that are in
o take notice of the worship of those
reatures above. O how wonderful is
scension then, to look down upon us,
ıl worms, that dwell here in houses of
ose foundation is in the dust! Lord,
an that thou takest knowledge of him,
son of man that thou makest account
Thou canst not at all need us, nor
of ours, O blessed God; but we all
in great and continual need of thee,
sovereign good; in need of thy mercy
veness, thy grace and guidance, thy
and assistance: without which we
ver hope to escape the curses and mi-
ich are the due wages of our sins; nor
ttain unto that glory and blessedness,
the free gifts of God in Jesus Christ.
esire of our souls, therefore, is to thy
Lord, and to the remembrance of
ur eyes are towards thee, and all our
on is from thee; and still we wait, and
depend upon thee, till thou have
on us, according to our several ne-
and according to the riches of thy
ıd the ı ltitude of thy mercies. O
r not against us former iniquities: en-
ıto judgment with us, according to the
our sins; but according to thy mercy
r thou us, for thy goodness sake, O
Blot out our transgressions as a cloud;

and justify us freely by thy grace, through th redemption that is in Jesus Christ. And ble us, holy God of our salvation, in turning from all our iniquities, and giving us grace repent and amend our lives according to th holy word.

And to this end, be thou pleased to en lighten our darkened minds with the beams thy saving truth, that we may not be unwis but understanding what the will of the Lo is. And reform our depraved wills, inclinin them to a cheerful and ready compliance wit all the motions of thy good Spirit. Regula our unruly passions; purify our corrupt affe tions; and convert all the faculties of our soul to be instruments of thy glory, as they hav been of thy dishonour: and make our bodi fit temples for thy holy Spirit to dwell in. Ye sanctify us wholly, that we may, as we ough sanctify thy blessed name.

And quicken us, O Lord, to hear thy voic while it is called to-day, that we may mak haste, and not delay, to keep thy comman ments. O keep us frequently and affectionatel mindful of the shortness of our time, the frailt of our lives, and the uncertainty of our bein here in this mutable world, that so soon pass eth away, and where we have no continuin city; but are strangers and sojourners with thee as all our fathers before us were. O let th remembrance and consideration of this hav such a prevailing influence upon us, as to cru cify the world to us, and make us more con cerned for our everlasting welfare, and mor

o improve every present enjoyment, to
's eternal advantage; and to grow ho-
as we grow older: that the days which
:r us may not leave us without any a-
:nt wrought upon us; but that the work
;race may go on successfully upon our
ill it has made us ripe and ready for the
glories of thy kingdom.

ame things also we beg in behalf of all
ht to share in our prayers. O forgive
, and relieve the miseries of thy poor
s everywhere. Enlarge the borders of
urch, and make additions to it daily of
shall be saved. O that all who are call-
stians may be truly Christians, both in
ht believing and holy living. The church
ıou hast planted among us, Lord, watch
for good, night and day; that no wea-
:med against it may prosper. Give thy
nts, O God, to the king, that he may
thy people righteously, and break in
heir oppressors. Grant him still an in-
ı the hearts of his people, and thy pro-
from the hands of his enemies. May
ile and reign here for thee, that he may
live and reign forever with thee. Make
magistrates men fearing God, and es-
g evil. And O that all who are called
: at thy altar, may be blessed with skil-
ds, and compassionate hearts, and ex-
/ lives. Make them wise to win souls,
hful, industrious, and successful in thy
office, as thy workmen, that need not
med. Bless and prosper all the places

of good learning and education: and make all his people the Lord's people; that they may all know thee from the greatest to the least; and so order their conversation aright, that they may see the salvation of God. Remember them all for good, who have been any way instruments of our good. Such as have done us good, O Lord, reward them: and all that have or would, hurt us, O Lord, forgive them. Give unto all that mourn in Zion, beauty for ashes, the oil of gladness for mourning, and the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness. And in the time of our health and peace, and prosperity, O that we may remember, and provide for the time of trouble and sickness, and death; when all worldly succours will fail us; and the greatest powers on earth cannot deliver us out of thy hands. O make us now so mindful of our duty, that then thou mayest remember us in mercy; and be with us, and support us, and never leave nor forsake us.

Our own unworthiness would make us despair of obtaining all these great and good things which we beg at thy hands, O Lord. But the remembrance of thy continual bounty, and how much we are every day receiving from thy hands, puts life into our hopes, and encouragement into our prayers, and leaves us no reason to doubt of such tried mercy. And blessed forever be thy name, that we have so much to say of thy goodness by our own experience; that thou hast in so many advantages made us to differ. O good Lord! continue such thy gracious favour to us, and thy fatherly care

us this night. As we go to rest after the urs of the day, so help us to do thy work, we may enter into that rest which remains hy people in the close of this life. And so iarge us from our sins, and supply us still thy grace, that we may finish our course joy, and in the end of our lives find that test of all mercy, to be received into thy y: which we beg for the all-sufficient me- of our only Redeemer: for whom, and to m with thee, O everlasting Father, and Holy Ghost the Comforter, in the unity of ever glorious Trinity, be all praise, and ho-, and glory, ascribed by us, and by all the el of God, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

A seventh Evening Prayer.

LORD, the great and glorious God! in- finite in power, wisdom, and goodness: wonderful maker and preserver, ruler and oser of us, and of all the world! Thou hast ited all things by thy Almighty power! sus- est and orderest all that thou hast made by wise and righteous Providence; and thy cy is everlasting, and over all thy works. who is able to express or conceive the exceed- riches of that grace and goodness of the d, which in such a plentiful measure is still cending and overflowing upon poor sinful atures, who deserve nothing from thee, but e forsaken and abhorred by thee! This day every day of our lives, O Lord, we have ed largely of thy mercy, and lived together upon thy fatherly care and bounty.

But notwithſtanding all thy patience
gracious dealings with us, and all the re
pledges of thy favour and kindness to
how ill have we requited thy love! and
unſuitable returns have we made for
great and continued goodness that we
found! beside the guilt of our inbred c
tion, which as a ſore clog, hangs heavy
us; we are amazed at the greatness anc
titude of all our other ſins that we have
mitted againſt the light and teachings
goſpel; againſt the dictates and ſtrivings
Spirit, and the love and ſufferings of thy
againſt all the patience and long forbe
which thou haſt exerciſed towards us;
gainſt the many mercies and methods
converſion and ſanctification, wherewith
time to time, thou haſt ſought to make u
as thy word requires we ſhould be. O
we have given thee ſo great provocation
we are afraid leſt thou ſhouldſt forſake us
ly, and cauſe the day of thy patience tc
an end with us, and grant us no more
grace which we have ſo greatly abuſe
more of the Holy Spirit which we have
quently refuſed. And what have we nc
judgment to expect from thee, O Lor
that thy mercy rejoices over judgment
thy word aſſures us, that thou delighteſt
the death of ſinners, but rather that they
turn to thee and live. Therefore ſtill thou
eſt us theſe opportunities to appear befor
to plead with our God, for the life of our
that have ſinned againſt thee. And wha

plead, O blessed Lord, but thy own gra-
nature and merciful inclinations, and the
promises and declarations of thyself,
h thou hast made to returning sinners in
Christ! Thou hast sent thy only Son to be
Almighty Saviour: And he that did no sin
manifested to take away our sins. O for
ake be thou pleased to pity us; and spare
nd forgive us. Turn away thy wrath from
eceive us to thy blessed favour; and com-
is with the sure persuasion, that our great
nany sins are remitted.
id because such is the infirmity of our na-
that without thy grace we have not the
power to keep ourselves even from the
est sins; O grant us the increase of thy
, and such help of thy good spirit, as may
y us against all temptations, and make us
g and faihful, and diligent in thy service.
be thou pleased, O Lord, yet further to
ver and manifest thyself to our souls, that
ay know aright, thee, the only true God,
Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. And
us power from on high to enable us so to
and practise, according to that light and
ledge of our duty which thou art pleased
part unto us, that we may not hold the
in unrighteousness, knowing the better,
doing the worse; but may walk in the
, as children of the light, while we have
hat we may never in judgment be de-
d of it. O, let us not only be almost,
altogether Christians; sincere converts,
penitents, and sound believers. And wilt

thou, O God, that workest all in all, do that work of thy grace, thoroughly upon our hearts; for which we may have cause to give thee praise and glory to all eternity.

Which things we beg, not only for ourselves, but for all the partakers of our nature, whom thou hast made to share in our hopes and capacities of eternal happiness; especially for the whole church, wheresoever or howsoever disposed of over all the earth; for the king's majesty, and all our rulers and counsellors; for our ministers and teachers; for our relations and neighbours; our friends and benefactors, and for all thy afflicted, whatsoever be their trials and troubles. O, supply all their wants and fulfil all their desires, so as thy wisdom sees best, for thy own mercy's sake in Jesus Christ.

Thou, Lord, art the great Preserver of men who hast kept and blessed us to-day, and all our days. Praised be thy name for all thy goodness, which we so long and largely have experienced. O make us sensible and thankful, as we are obliged to be. Take care of us, O Lord, and be good to us this night.—Give us bodily rest in our beds, and rest for our souls in thyself. And be thou our God and guide, our hope and help, our joy and comfort, and all in all to us, this night and for evermore. *Amen.*

Morning Prayer for the Lord's Day.

O MOST blessed and gracious Lord our God, whose almighty hand has brought

us out of nothing, to what we are; to see the light, and enjoy the comforts of life; and whose free grace has called us out of a state worse than nothing to the hope of thy heavenly glory. We bless thy name, that thou hast conducted us safe through all states and events, and through all the trials of our lives, to see the comfortable light of this day: and that we have yet a day of grace, wherein to see the things belonging to our peace. We bless thee that thou hast so far consulted the good of our souls, as well as the glory of thy name, in setting apart this day for holy uses, to engage us to a solemn attendance upon the Lord; in whose service consists all our honour and happiness. O how much higher might we have been in grace, and thy blessed favour; how much nearer to thee, our God, and fitter for thy heavenly kingdom, had we rightly used, and conscienciously improved those seasons and means of grace which thou hast been pleased to put into our hands, for the best advantage to our souls.

But we have been unkind and cruel to our own souls, as well as disobedient and rebellious against our Lord; many times frustrating the opportunities of appearing before thee; shunning and neglecting the duties of thy holy service: and even when we have set ourselves to seek thy face, it has been with such coldness and dulness, rudeness and distraction, that thou mightest justly abhor our souls, despise our prayers, and cast back all our services in our faces, for any thing that there is in us or from

to recommend us to thy blessed favour and ceptance.

But be thou pleased to look upon us in Son of thy love, the Lord our peace and r teousness, and forgive us all that is past, whe we have neglected thy work, or ill perfor it, or done what is inconsistent with it. E us, O God of our salvation, and deliver us f the bands and the burden of our guilt, purge away all our sins, for the glory of name, that they may not stand as a partit wall to hinder the desire of our souls from cending up to thee, nor hinder the light of countenance from descending upon us; bu thy peace, and love, and favour, shine in souls, that we may see the felicity of thy cho and with joy draw water out of the well salvation.

O, let us not rest in any forms of godli denying the power thereof, nor take up the name, and show, and profession of C tianity; but be swayed with its life, and po and spirit: that the gospel of our Lord, and graces of the good Spirit of God, may s forth in our lives, to the glory of thee our venly Father, and to the adorning of the trine of God our Saviour, in all things. O cious God, be with us, and with all the m ters and stewards of thy holy things, who this day to speak thy word to thy people; furnish them with abilities suitable to t great work, that they may fitly apply th selves to the capacities and to the neces of their several hearers. And grant, L

ıs, and unto all the hearers of thy holy
humble and teachable spirits, to receive
ıth in meekness, and in the love of it,
o profit and grow by it. O do thou re-
ıll the hindrances of our spiritual growth
ıprovement, that thy word may have free
, and be glorified amongst us. And let
day go forth in the strength of the Lord
and prosper and increase with the in-
of God, by thy grace and blessing ac-
ınying our desires and endeavours; till
erving thee imperfectly here upon earth,
tain to glorify and enjoy our God, in the
tion of holiness, and in those everlasting
ıd glories of thy kingdom, which thou
repared for them that love thee.
d let thy grace and blessing, thy love and
ship, thy direction and assistance, O hea-
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us,
ith all whom we ought to beg thy mercy
our prayers, this day, and for evermore.

her Morning Prayer for the Lord's Day.

LORD, the great Almighty God, thou art
the Giver of life and strength, and of all
and goodness; without whom we can
thing, and through whose gracious as-
ce it is, that we are enabled to do all
ı belonging to thy service and our duty:
ımbly pray, that thou wilt be graciously
ıt with us, and powerfully assistant unto
s day, to direct and quicken, and enable
ırther us in all the ways and duties of thy

holy service. O forgive our iniquities, that s parate between thee and our souls; and r member not those sins against us which m justly provoke thee to hide thy face from u but according to thy mercy remember thou t O Lord, and accept us, and our poor imperfe services, at the hands and for the sake of Jes Christ.

O leave us not to the dulness and hardnes the vanity and deceitfulness, of our own d praved hearts; but shew the power of thy he venly grace, in working mightily upon the hearts of ours, to bring and keep them in su a holy frame, that we may be fitter to atter upon thee, and perform more faithful and a ceptable service to thee, and enjoy more that heavenly communion with thee which th hast made us capable of, and which our sou will be for ever restless without. O let us n serve thee in formality and hypocrisy, maki any duties of course the cover of a vain lice tious life; but let our hearts and souls, and that is within us, be taken up in a reveren faithful and affectionate attendance upon th Nor let us serve thee of constraint, only, b cause we must; but with all readiness a gladness, and love and delight to be so e gaged: making thy pleasure to be ours, a the sabbath and service of our Lord the j and solace of our souls. O help us to sanct thy day, that it may be a means to promote t sanctification of our souls. Let us bestow ou selves in exercises befitting the holy seasc *and not* profane it to any vain and vicious pu

poses: but on the Lord's day may we abound in the work of the Lord; and not do our own works, nor find our own pleasure, nor speak our own words, in the day which thou hast hallowed for thyself: but rest from all our sinful ways, as well as from our common labours;—and so delight ourselves in the Lord, that thou mayest give us the desires of our hearts.

And bless to us thy word, O gracious Father, and all the means of grace, which thro' thy favour we do enjoy, that we may not use the same in vain, nor to our hurt; but for the further informing of our minds, the reforming of our lives, and the saving of our souls; still growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; till we attain to be such as thy holy word requires we should be, in all holy conversation and godliness.

Great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing shall offend them. O dear Lord, increase our love to thy word, which the angels desire to look into; and make our souls pliable and submissive, to be turned and ruled by it, till we become in all things agreeable to it.

Bless us, our Father, and command a blessing upon our pious designs and performances this day: and bless thy servants whom thou hast appointed to bless us in thy name, and to break the bread of life to our souls, that they may speak thy word as they ought to speak: and give to every one their portion in due season. And that thy word which they deliver may be to our conviction, edification, and comfort, and the savour of life to our souls. O thou

that hast the key of David, and openest a
man shutteth, thou that speakest to the
and givest the increase, open our under
ings to receive thy truth, both in the ligh
in the love of it. And set it home so p
fully upon our hearts, and root it so deep
souls, that the fruits may be seen in our
we being not forgetful hearers, but faith
ers of thy word.

And grant, O good God, that our s
this day may be such as may tend to our
tage and rejoicing, in the great day of t
pearing and glory: that we may so halloy
Sabbaths here upon earth, that hereaf
may be admitted to the joyful celebratio
eternal Sabbatism in thy kingdom of H
there, with all the church triumphant, t
and magnify thy glorious name, and t
thy love, and sing thy praise for ever.
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of thy worship, and all the means of gra
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Evening Prayer for the Lord's da

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f life and salvation plain before us; and ivest us many opportunities and advan- to quicken and further us in thy know- nd service, and in that way of our duty leads to the kingdom of thy glory. We ne upon line, and precept upon precept; ssengers early and late, to open and ap- word; and to give us calls and warn- irections and exhortations, for the pro- our edification here, and our salvation er. Thou hast not been wanting to us, l, but we have been exceedingly want- ourselves, and to the duty which we owe ur God! O! how little is it to be seen in es, how good and kind the Lord has o our souls! how have we loved dark- ther than light, and chose to follow the tions of our own foolish and hurtful lusts, than to be guided by the rules and pre- ons of thy holy blessed word, that has no upon us but to promote our present peace r eternal bliss! and because we have so mproved all the precious talents which ast put into our hands, thou mightest O justly take away the gospel of the king- rom us, and give it to another people, ould bring forth fruits more worthy of it, ore answerable to it, than we have done. se thou hast called, and we have refused; ast stretched forth thine hand, and we not regarded; thou mightest therefore us to our own perverseness and impeni- to add sin unto sin, till our iniquities e our ruin.

But, O Lord God, merciful and long suffering! we humbly beseech thee that thou wil not so enter into judgment with thy servants but in mercy pardon all our contempt of th word, and our not profiting by it, and all th means of grace that we have had. Teach an help us for the time to come, better to use an improve such gracious opportunities set befor us, to the glory of thy name, and the true be nefit of our souls. As the rain descends fro heaven and returns not thither, but waters th earth, and makes it fruitful, so let not thy wor return unto thee void; but accomplish thy goo pleasure, and prosper it in that whereunto tho art pleased to send it. O make it instrumen tal and effectual to work thy grace, where it not; and to establish and increase it, where is; to edify and build us all up in the true fea and love of God, and in the right knowledg and faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Though we cannot now find, upon the re view of our services this day, that we have du ly kept a day holy to the Lord; yet let not th day, O gracious God, be a lost day to us, nc thy word as water spilt on the ground: but ma the Spirit cause thy word to do thy great an gracious work thoroughly and successfully up on all our hearts; for which we may have caus to give thee praise and glory to all eternity. A we perceive how we ought to walk, and t please thee our God, so help us to walk mor worthy of the Lord, unto all well-pleasing; in creasing in knowledge, and being still mor rich and fruitful, in every good work, that *pleasing* in thy sight, through Jesus Christ.

At his hands, O Lord our God, we beg thy gracious acceptance of our humble returns of praise and thanksgiving, for all blessings and favours, spiritual and temporal, so freely conferred upon us, and so long vouchsafed and continued to us, even throughout our whole lives, until this present time. Thou hast dealt graciously with us, O blessed Lord, and been exceedingly good and kind to us, not only beyond all that we have had reason to expect from thee; but above all that we are able to express here before thee. We bless thy name, our heavenly Father, that in so many respects thou hast made us to differ from multitudes in the world, who are destitute of these comforts and conveniences of this life, and means and hopes of a better, which through thy favour to us, we do enjoy. We acknowledge thee in all; and desire to ascribe unto thee the whole praise and glory of all. Especially our souls desire to bless thee for the mercies of all mercies, which thou hast shewed, and still art pleased to continue to our souls; particularly what we have received and experienced this day; thy house open to us; the word of salvation sounding in our ears, and the spirit of God striving with our hearts: and helping our infirmities, and enlightening our minds, and reviving our souls.

O that we may not receive the grace of God in vain; that all thy mercies may not be lost upon us: but that we may answer the care and kindness of heaven, which we have so long and largely experienced, and that we may so thankfully receive and carefully improve thy distin-

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Another Evening Prayer for the Lord's

O LORD, thou art good to the sou
seeks thee; thou art full of invitation

the endearments of love, to draw and encourage poor sinners to come unto thee. Thou t not bid us seek thy face in vain, nor serve e for nought; but art a Lord that hath pleae in the prosperity of thy servants, and pay- us not according to our poor imperfect ser- s, but giveſt like thyself infinitely good, and st rich in mercy: the gift of God is eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord. 'Tis not thing in thy laws, O gracious Lord, but sinfulness of our depraved nature, that make of them seem grievous to us, which are all y and just, and good, tending only to pro- te our present and eternal happiness. Nor t any thing in thy blessed service, but the in- osedness of our own vile hearts, that makes part of that tedious to us, which is the rk and joy of angels; and our wisdom, ho- r, and interest; yea, what we may make delight, as well as our duty to perform. ly God, we are all as an unclean thing, and our very righteousnesses are as filthy rags: can we ever hope to be justified in thy sight, n the account of any works, or worth of our n: for by our own heart and deeds we reproved and condemned, and should be speechless in the judgmenr, if thou, O Lord uldst call us to account, according to the rits even of our best services. But we de- to take refuge and sanctuary under the dow of our crucified Saviour; and to be nd in him, not having our own righteousnss t that which is by the faith of Jesus Christ, t the shame of our nakedness may be cover-

ed, and all our sinful deformities hid from tl eyes: that thou mayest forgive us mercifi and receive us graciously, and love us freel the Son of thy love, in whom thou art pleased.

Command a blessing, we pray, O Lord, u the word which this day we have heard, upon all the means of grace that have bee ed for the good of our souls. It is not he planteth, nor he who watereth, but thou, God, who givest the increase. O be pleased to second the preaching of thy w with the powerful influences of thy grace holy spirit; that it may be the savour of li souls, and the power of God to our salva O let us so hide thy word in our hearts, tha may not, as we have done, sin against t that it may be as a treasure within us; to s us in stead, in every hour of temptation, ar all the time and cases of our need: tha may walk more humbly and closely with our God, and more conscientiously and circ spectively before thee; and be so obedie the holy precepts of thy word; that finally may enjoy the glorious promises, of whi gives us the blessed reviving hopes.

Supply the want of thy public ordinances beseech thee, by the immediate teachings o good Spirit, to all such as through any una able impediments are kept from them: continue to us, O gracious Lord, the ligl thy gospel, and all the happy opportun which we enjoy for our souls advantage. serve us also, by thy grace, from the cur

barrenness, under all thy means, and abundant mercies; for it were better for us we never had them, if we were not the better for them. That they may not, therefore, hereafter rise up in judgment against us, O make them now efficacious to us; and write thy laws in our hearts, and cause them to accomplish all the purposes of thy grace in our souls, and to shine forth with a convincing splendour in our lives: to make us every way such as thou wouldst have us.

And now we give thee thanks, as we are infinitely bound to thee, O Lord God, our heavenly Father, for the mercies of this day; and for thy great mercy and goodness that has hitherto followed us all the days of our lives. O how wonderful is thy patience and long-suffering, that thou shouldst all day long stretch forth thy hands to a rebellious and gainsaying people! And how unwearied thy kindness and love, that we still enjoy so many comforts with our lives, who have taken the course to spoil all with our sins! yea, that thou shouldst not withhold the greatest mercies from such as cannot pretend to deserve the least at thy hands! Blessed be thy name, O most merciful Father, that thou hast defended us from so many dangers in our lives, which threatened to destroy us; and delivered us out of so many troubles, under which we should have sunk and perished, if thou hadst not been nigh unto us, and done great things for us. We bless thee for our health and plenty, peace and liberty; for the use of our reason, limbs and senses, and for the

comforts of all thy good creatures; for the l
ness of our friends, and safety from our en
for the benefits and refreshments of society
the success and prosperity of our affairs he
this world. But above all, we bless the
the mercies and blessings respecting the
to come; for Jesus Christ, and all spiritual
sings in heavenly things in him, tending
salvation of our souls; for remembering
our low estate, and sending eternal redem
to us by the hands of thy dear Son; for the
and direction of thy word; for the teaching
strivings, the aids and consolations of thy
Spirit; for all the means and helps whic
have to do us good; for all thy grace wr
in us, and bestowed upon us; and for a
discoveries and hopes of eternal glory v
thou hast given us. O how infinitely ar
indebted to the kindness and love of Go
Saviour! O that we may ever be sensibl
thankful as we ought! and with all that
hast given us, blessed God, give us hearts
with thy love, and lifted up in thy praise,
devoted to thy honour and service.

We can but acknowledge the vast deb
we are never able to pay. We cannot p
thee according to the riches of thy grace,
the multitude of thy mercies: But we des
to bless and praise, with all the capacities
abilities wherewith thou hast blessed us.
us, O Lord, our God, to glorify thy n
not only in speaking to thy praise, but s
tirely devoted to thy pleasure, that we m
thine in faithfulness, and in the sincerity c
hearts, all the days of our lives.

ake us truly penitent and humbled for all
his day we have done amiss, and make
ignedly thankful for all the good that we
ceived: and for all which thou has, in
ner or measure, enabled us to do aright.
l is from ourselves alone, and to us be-
ame and confusion of face for it: but
good is of thy free grace, and mere mer-
l to thy blessed name, O Lord our God,
he praise and glory rendered, with the
nsible and grateful hearts, now and for-
re. *Amen.*

ayer for any intermediate Time of the Lord's day.

ORD the God of glory! thou fillest hea-
en and earth with thy presence, fill my
I pray thee, with thy grace, and the
lness of thy presence with me: that I
emean myself, as under thy awful pre-
and ever manifest in thy holy sight, who
erfully and constantly worshipped and
d by all the heavenly host of glorious
and immortal spirits above, where thou-
f thousands minister unto thee, and ten
id times ten thousand stand before thee.
py are they who are ever in thy blessed
e, and still taken up in the joyful con-
tion and fruition of thee, and the things
who have an everlasting period put to
r sins, and troubles and temptations here
; and have their souls full of holiness,
hearts filled with joy, and their mouths
ie everlasting praises of God. O Lord,

look down from heaven, the habitation of thy holiness, and the throne of thy glory, and behold with pity the poor remnant of thy heritage, who are yet upon our warfare and pilgrimage in this present world; beset with many and mighty malicious enemies of our souls, and groaning for deliverance from the bondage of corruption, that we may be brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

The good Lord pardon every one of us, that now prepare and set ourselves to seek thy face, and to meet and enjoy our God in the ordinances of thy worship: though we be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary, accept us in thy beloved Son, according to what we have, and fill us with thy good spirit, to make us what we would be. O give me a devout soul, and a praying heart; that I may not only go over the words of prayer, or rest in any forms of godliness; but may I serve thee with my spirit, and lift up my heart to the Lord, and as much as is possible converse above.

It is good for men to draw nigh to God, in whose service consists all our honour and bliss. O let my heart rejoice in seeking the Lord; and with great liveliness, and love, and cheerfulness, let me frequent thy ways, and study thy word, and admire thy works, and praise thy name. I bless thee, my God, that thou has given me an understanding to know thee, a heart to love thee, and a soul capable to wait upon thee in the duties of thy holy immediate service here, and capable of enjoying thee in

hy eternal heavenly glory hereafter. I bless thee for all opportunities and advantages which I have to serve thee, and to work out my salvation; for the ministry of reconciliation committed to thy servants for all their labours, and writings, and preachings; and for all other means of grace and helps heaven-ward.

O give me also such a love for thy word, that I may value it above all the wealth of the world, and relish it better than all the pleasures of the flesh; esteeming the words of thy mouth more than my necessary food: and receiving it not only in the light, but in the love of it, that I may be saved. And give me, Lord, a heart to fear thee, and keep thy commandments always, that it may go well with me, both now and for ever. O let me so make thy word the rule of my life, that it may also be the ground of my hope: and while it is sounding in my ears, O be thou also teaching my heart to make it efficacious and saving to my soul. And let there be such a transcript of the gospel in my life, that I may not only hear what it says, but be such as it describes. O gracious God! continue the light and joyful sound of thy gospel amongst us: and help us so rightly to use it, and to make our due benefit of it, that we may find cause to bless and praise thee for it. O that every Sabbath may add still to our stature in Christ Jesus; and that we may so sanctify thy Sabbaths now while we are on the way, that in the end we may attain to the blessed Sabbath of thy everlasting rest; there to live in the sight and love, and in the enjoyment and praises of thee our God, blessed for evermore. Amen.

A Confession of the Sins forbidden, with Pr for Grace to perform the Duties enjoined in Commandments: preparatory to the Sacram or at any Time of Humiliation.

O LORD, the great and glorious God gainst whom I have grievously offen and who for my sins art justly displeased know not where to begin or end with the hearsal of all my transgressions, which are m than I can remember, and greater than I express.

Thou art God alone, and there is none be thee, that hast absolute sovereignty over and that can be full and final happiness to But, O Lord, my God, other lords have dominion over me. I have idolized thing myself, and in this present world; and have them in the stead of God: either disbeliev thy being, or forgetting thy presence, or dis ing to retain thee in my thoughts; and liv without thee in the world. I have not impr ed in thy knowledge, answerable to the me of instruction wherewith thou hast blessed And that I have no more and better knowle of my God, it is my shame, and owing to sinful dulness and negligence in that which d most of all concern me. I have not had all expectations from thee, nor my whole depe ence upon thee, nor my chief hope and deli in thee: but have stuck and trusted to creat comforts and worldly enjoyments: things sl of thee, my God, to make me happy. O h I have hardened my heart against the fea

thy glorious Majesty; who canst whenever thou pleasest, kill and cast sinners into hell! Making bold to sin against the clear light which thou hast caused to shine upon me! And how have I shut my heart against the love of my chiefest good; who hast still been doing me good, and laying fresh obligations upon me, with thy renewed favour, every day! Loving the creatures and any sensual pleasures more than the God blessed for ever.

I have conceived injurious unbecoming thoughts of thy infinite greatness and goodness, till I have become vain and wicked in my imaginations; thinking the most high and glorious God to be even such a one as myself. And instead of worshipping thee in spirit and in truth it has been after my own fancy and humour, in a formal and customary manner.

O what light account have I made of thy great name! and what little zeal have I shewed for thy honour and glory! how have I disregarded thy word and works, thy mercies and judgments, thy calls and warnings, and all thy offers and invitations; and either neglected the offices of thy worship; or profaned the holy things, and abused religious duties, to cover my offences; drawing nigh to thee with my mouth while my heart has been far from thee.

Thy day I have not remembered as I ought to keep it holy; but have used as common what thou hast set apart for sacred; and borne the holy season as a burden, and made bold with thy hallowed time, to spend it upon my sloth, and lusts, and worldly trifles, and carnal impertinencies.

O how have I failed and sinned in all my
lations. As a superior, in pride and vanity
an inferior, in ſtubbornness and envy; as a
rent and child, a master and servant, friend
neighbour; not discharging my duty in any
pacity as I ought.

How careless have I been of my own
others' souls! how passionate and unmerc
contentious and revengeful! bitter in my w
and malicious in my heart, tempting some
soul-ruining sins; and not doing what in
lies to keep others from the wicked undoin
themselves; not exerting my desires and en
vours to do good unto all.

O Lord! I am unclean, unclean! de
with filthy imaginations rolling in my head,
luſtful desires harbouring in my heart,
breaking out in corrupt communication,
carnal carriage, and intemperate living after
flesh. Yea, I have been guilty of the spiri
whoredom, in forsaking the blessed bridegr
of my soul, to cleave to lying vanities: an
keep up that friendship with the world, wh
is enmity with God.

I have been unfaithful in the unrighte
Mammon, and not honoured thee with my s
ſtance; nor done the good which thou h
made me capable of doing, with the wo
good: but by idleness and injurious entren
ing on the rights of others, or by profuse c
suming my portion on my own lusts, I h
been a sacrilegious usurper of thy good c
tures.

O! what vicious liberties have I taken to

ı speaking evil of my neighbours; using
in my words, as I would ill resent to be
slandering and reviling, dissembling, or
dging: and often wronging the truth, to
, to exalt, or excuse myself.
hat a nursery of covetous and carnal de-
ıs been this corrupt and wicked heart of
cherishing and delighting in evil motions
ıg at others' welfare; coveting all for my
nd catering only for the flesh to fulfil its

ı sins I have committed against thy holy
ınd I have also sinned against thy gra-
gospel, O Lord, not acquainting myself
he way of salvation by Jesus Christ, but
ting so great salvation; and disregarding
ly Saviour, whom to know and win, I
have accounted all things else but loss
ıng. I have not been awed by thy threat-
, nor taken with thy promise; nor listen-
the calls of thy word, nor yielded to the
ıs of thy spirit: nor believed the truths,
ved the days, nor applied the means, nor
ved the opportunities which thou hast gra-
r set before me; but have shut my eyes
t the things of my peace: and made light
my Saviour's doings and sufferings, and
ıs methods, for the salvation of my soul:
; pleasure in the enemies of his cross; lit-
ıcerned for the success of his gospel; nor
to heart my own, or other's sins; nor
sly repenting, nor fervently praying; but
all these things, as if I did them not.
h is my heavy charge; this is my heinous

guilt. O that I may not only confess it, but be duly humbled for it! and lay my mouth in the dust, if so that yet there may be hope; and is there hope for such a great and provoking sinner? Lord of love, thou hast helped many poor miserable souls in a low dangerous case: and many, I believe, are now triumphing, and praising thee in glory, who much and long rebelled against thee here below. Such are the wonders of thy grace, to get thee glory in seeking and saving that which was lost. And thy hand is not shortened, nor thy mercy abated; but still thou art as able and as ready to help and save as ever thou wast. O put me in the way where all thy goodness may pass before me, and help me to exercise such humiliation and repentance in thy sight, that thou mayest exercise thy pardoning and saving mercy upon my soul; and never lay my sins to my charge, but upon his account who was made sin for us, though he knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Nor do I only beg for pardon of sin, but also for power against it. That thy preventing may dash and break temptations in the first approach and thy assisting grace enable me to resist in the assault, and to overcome in the issue. That I may never fall a miserable prey to the cruel adversary, who walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom to devour. And turn my feet, O Lord, to thy testimonies, and help me, with an enlarged heart, to run the way of thy commands. O give me grace to take and choose *thee* for my God; and to know, and trust, and

and love, and serve, and worship thee as
. Give me a true reverence for thy name,
for thy glory, serious devotion and constan-
ı all the duties of thy holy religion: con-
tious care of the sanctification of thy day,
due veneration and affection for thy holy
;s.
elp me also, my God, rightly to discharge
elative duties, that I owe to my superiors,
ls, inferiors, and all with whom I have my
ersation in the world; that I may give no
offence to any, but so carry to every one,
credit my holy profession, and win others
e love of it. O make me careful of my own,
ther's souls; peaceable and patient, mer-
and kind; desirous of, and, what in me
endeavouring to promote, the good of all:
ving my neighbour as myself. O make me
e and continent; pure in heart, sober and
st in speech and carriage; temperate in
se of thy good creatures; given to prayer,
all the exercises of godliness, that tend to
fy the sinful lusts of the flesh. Make me
aithful in the unrighteousness of Mammon,
nted with my portion, industrious in my
g, upright in my dealing, honouring thee
my substance; and doing good, and not
with what thou hast given me of this
l's good. Help me, O righteous God,
to love and own, to confess and maintain
uth; candidly to interpret the sayings and
s of others; not delighting in their shame,
being as tender of their reputation, as I
d desire they should be of mine. And

help me, O Lord, to resist the beginnings and first risings of evil notions in my mind, and to keep my heart with all diligence from giving any harbour there, to coveteous and unclean desires. O let me not give my mind to earthly things, nor be carnally minded, which is death: but spiritually minded, which is life and peace. And incline my heart, O good God, to meditate, and love, and keep thy holy laws.

O make me resolved for, and in love with, a life of holiness, according to thy will and word. And let me not only think and purpose to live godly in Christ Jesus, but bring my purpose into actions, my actions into habits, and my habits into a holy lasting perseverance; enduring to the end, that I may be saved. And through the ways of thy holy commandments, O Lord lead me to the joys of thy heavenly kingdom that having my fruit unto holiness, I may find the end everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

O WHAT am I, poor unworthy sinful wretch, that I should go to the table of the Lord, and put myself on for the portion of his saints! Great God! my guilt, and shame, and fear, do pull me back, and make me ready to conclude it presumptuous and vain for me ever to expect such high honour and favour from thee, after I have so foully misbehaved myself towards thee. I durst not think of making so near approaches to thy holy Majesty, but that

art pleased to invite and command us so
). Nor could I hope for such heavenly
ings at thy hands, O Lord, but that thou
) infinitely good and kind, even to such as
ve nothing from thee, but to be forsaken
abhorred by thee. Instead of stretching
a sceptre of mercy to invite me to thy ta-
thou mightest with the rod of thy wrath
me in pieces as a potter's vessel: and in-
l of entertaining me with the bread of life,
the cup of blessing, mightest give me the
d and water of affliction; and throw me
n, where I should in vain cry out for a drop
ol my tongue.

ut seeing thou art pleased to call even sin-
that have undone themselves, to come un-
ee for help; and hast appointed this sacra-
t as a means of conveyance, to help them
ardon and grace that stand in need of the
; therefore, seeing I do extremely need
ardoning mercy, and thy sanctifying grace;
me Lord, though polluted and unfit to ap-
before thee: and I dare not but come;
nowing that I shall be undone, keeping
y from thee. I come not Lord, because I
worthy; but because thou art rich in mer-
I come as the poor starved wretch to the
I come as the hungry to be fed; and as
ick and maimed to be recovered and healed:
I may wash in the blood of thy Son, and
be cleansed: that I may receive of thy in
e fulness, all that is wanting in my wretch-
self: and that I may so touch my Saviour,
) receive virtue from him; and to heal my

sinful sores, and to enable me for thy fa
services.

O that I may come in the humblest m
with all reverence and godly fear; and wi
most earnest longings after Christ Jesus
the heartiest resolutions to live unto him
was pleased to die for me! And do thou in
me, O Lord, and assist me in the examin
the humiliation, and preparation of myse
order to my safe and comfortable particip
of this holy ordinance. Before I compa
altar, wilt thou purify my heart by repen
and faith in the blood of our great Rede
O let me receive a broken and bleeding Sa
with a broken and contrite heart. And
me so willing and obedient, that I may e
good of the ordinance: so comfortable to
that I may find communion with thee
may have not only representation, but a
cipation of Christ crucified. O turn ir
Lord, and be not as a stanger to the soul
the purchase of thy own blood. Enrich t
dinance with thy presence; that I may fin
whom my soul desires to love, and whose
is better than wine: that Christ may a
and be known to my soul, in this breaki
bread: that I may receive such life from
as may enable me to live unto thee: and
me know that thou abidest in me, by the
which thou hast given me.

Blessed Saviour! weigh not mine, bu
own merits: for I have not deserved thee
thou hast redeemed me. I can never be
thy of thee; but give me, I beseech thee,

agreeable dispositions, apprehensions, affections, and resolutions, in my coming to thee, that I may eat and drink worthily of what I am to receive from thee: that I may participate of thy sacred body crucified, and thy precious blood shed for us, with such discerning, and reverence, and penitence, and faith, and love and thankfulness, as I ought to do. And what I am not in myself, O do thou make me, out of thy own infinite fulness; such a meet receiver at thy table, that I may find welcome with thee, to my present consolation and my everlasting salvation.

O thou that hast prepared a table in this wilderness, with heavenly provisions for our souls, prepare my soul, dear Lord, for these provisions; and give me spiritual appetite, as well as spiritual sustenance; that, as the hart pants after the water-brooks, my soul may pant after thee, O God: that with desire I may desire to eat this passover; and so open my mouth, that thou mayest fill my hungry soul with thy good things, and so lift up the everlasting doors of my heart, that the King of glory may come in; that Christ may dwell in my heart by faith, and abide with my spirit, as long as I am to abide here in the flesh.

O make thy ordinance healing, and the savour of live to my soul. And make it also a sealing ordinance, to clear up to me the pardon of my sins, and the assurance of thy love. And as thou sealest the covenant of grace, O let me seal the covenant of obedience; and in such a devout and acceptable manner come un-

to thy table, that I may return from it with my conscience quieted, my corruption subdued, my graces increased, and my soul encouraged, with an enlarged heart, to run the way of thy commands.

Ah! Lord, to whom should I repair but unto thee my life, my strength, and my Redeemer! O thou that calleſt unto thee the labouring and heavy laden sinners, help me so to come to thee, that in thee I may find rest for my soul. Thou that hast commanded us to break our bread to the hungry, O break the bread of life to all of us that hunger and thirst after righteousness: and give us, O Lord God, our heavenly Father, evermore give us this bread. And thou art pleased ſtill to continue to us the liberty and advantage of this ordinance, to nourish and revive our souls, O work in our hearts a higher eſteem for it, and a greater love to it. And in our preparations before we eat and drink at thy table, in our communicating there, and our conversation after, O teach and help us to carry beseeming the holy heavenly feast; and as becomes the redeemed and obliged of the Lord, and the very living members of Jesus Christ.

Hear me, O Lord my God, and forgive me; bless and direct me, quicken and assist me in the work now lying upon me: and be good to me, and deal graciously with me; that I may discharge all my offices heartily as to the Lord and with good acceptance in the sight of God through the beloved of my soul, the only Saviour of men. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Grace to resign and give up ourselves to God.

O MY great and glorious Maker and Redeemer, my continual preserver and keeper, my only Lord and owner! thine I am every way; by all the ties of duty and love, and not at my own disposal to do what I will with myself: for thou hast formed me for thyself, and dearly ransomed me, after I had lost myself. Yea, I have been solemnly devoted to thee, and vowed to renounce all tempters for my heart and service that would rival with my blessed Lord; and obediently to serve thy divine pleasure, and to walk in thy divine ways, all the days of my life. And to be so true and faithful in the covenant of my God, is not only my obligation, but my honour and interest, my highest perfection, my greatest bliss.

But with confusion and remorse I must acknowledge, O Lord, how I have sacrilegiously alienated myself from thee, and most foolishly and wickedly separated myself from thee, to serve other lords; yea, to be under the power and servitude, of my own vain humours and brutish lusts; not concerned so much to please thee as myself; as if I were so my own that I had no Lord over me, to whom belongs all the right and title to me. O my God; forgive and mortify this wicked and pernicious selfishness in me: and let me no longer unjustly withold myself from thee; nor madly expose myself to ruin, by living in the world without thee; nor hang in a tremulous suspense between God and

mammon, vainly thinking to hold in with l
but make me so wise and considerate, notor
my duty, but of my own felicity, as willi
and chearfully to surrender and devote m
to the blessed Author of my being: that
may both answer the end for which I was r
and also attain the happiness whereof I ar
pable. Seeing all that are far from thee
perish, as branches cut from the living root
feeds them; and I have no sufficiency in my
but derive all my good from the union with
God. I am convinced, O Lord, that I am
by thy undoubted right; and that I oug
yield up myself for such, by my own free ch
and voluntary act. It is best for me so to
and I can never do well, in standing off
it. O bring me to it, and make me fai
and hearty in it.

My Lord! break all ties that detain me
thee, and seize and take me for thy own:
keep and continue me in thy fear to my
end. And upon my mind and memory, u
my will and affection, upon my heart and
science, O write holiness to the Lord; and
ery way make me willing wholly to be th
Let thy will ever be mine in all things;
melt down this stubborn will into a ready c
pliance with thy holy pleasure, O let me
and hate, and joy and dislike, as thou dos
Let my soul and body, and all the faculties
powers of both, be under thy conduct,
employed to thy glory. Let all that I am,
all that I have, whatever is mine, O let i
thine, not in pretence only, but in deed an

th. And never let me think it hard to re-
ınce all for thee, who art infinitely better
n all else that ever can tempt me.

O help me so sincerely to deny myself, that
nay own no guide and ruler but my great
rd and Proprietor; that my eyes may be
r towards thee, and my whole dependence
on thee; and that thou mayest be all in all to
; and thy word my rule, and to promote thy
nour and pleasure, my great aim and endea-
ır, that in all things thou mayest ever be
arded, and preferred, and glorified by me,
ough Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

me devout Ejaculations and Elevations of the Soul, before receiving at the Lord's Table.

BLESSED be my God, that again is pleas-
ed to call me to the reconciliation feast:
d after all my breaches with him, and all my
ences against him, yet to grant me a new
lulgence, and to seal my pardon afresh in the
cious blood of his dear Son, that was shed
take away the sins of the world.

II. At thy gracious invitation, Lord, I am
ld to come, looking for that blessed benefit
ich I know myself so unworthy to receive,
t thou mightest justly bar up the doors of
rcy against me; but thy mercies, blessed
d, are not to the deserving and worthy, but
the miserable and needy. O let me find
m, as I need them, according to the riches
thy bounty, and according to the greatness
my necessity.

III. I have no might for this great work;

but I will go in thy strength, O Lord, my God Give me, I beseech thee, the disposition which thou requirest; and work in me what thou callest for from me. O let me find thy hand upon me, thy help with me, and thy grace sufficient for me!

IV. O that I may see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary that I may share in the heavenly entertainment of thy children, and eat and drink in thy presence, that bread of life, and that cup of blessing, which may be the life of my soul, and make glad my heart, even with the joy of thy salvation.

V. O what shall I do at thy house, and thy table, Lord, if thou dost not appear, to receive and entertain me! O that thou wouldst, in wonderful condescension, bow the heavens and come down, and make me experience thy presence with me, and that power of thy Spirit upon me, and that loving-kindness of thine which is better than life!

VI. O let not the great Lord and lover of souls, keep off as a stranger to my soul! but look forth at the windows, and shew himself through the lattice, and remember me in saving mercy, where he feeds, where he make his flock to rest: and let me now taste, and see, to the satisfaction of my soul, how good the Lord is.

VII. I desire to shelter under the shadow of my Lord Redeemer; and to be found in Christ Jesus, endued with that righteousness of his which is sufficient both to atone for all my guilt

d also fill up all my wants; yea, to make
: complete and meet for the love of God, and
the felicity of his chosen. O God of all grace!
e me, I beseech thee, thy Christ to be my
ius: and grant me a saving interest in that
at redemption, which he brings to the poor
ful lost world: that my soul may magnify
Lord, and my spirit may rejoice in God my
iour.

VIII. O thou that art able to do it, bring
into the bonds of the covenant; and let me
untarily and cheerfully enter it; not as com-
led to it, or aggravated at it; but willing
l glad with all my heart, to be secured in
h blessed hands.

IX. O make me willing in the day of thy
wer: and may I this day experience, Lord,
: powerful warnings of thy blessed Spirit; to
en and enlarge my heart, and make me ready
d joyful to receive him who stands at the door
d knocks, even to receive Christ Jesus the
rd into my soul.

X. O how unworthy am I, Lord, that thou
ouldst come under my roof; unworthy to eat
e crumbs that fall under thy table! but thy
finite merits can cover all my sins and unwor-
iness, and recommend me to the just and
ly Majesty of heaven, even as if I had not
ned. O deal so graciously with me, my
rd, and my God, I beseech thee, and for-
ve, and heal, and help me; and exercise thy
wer and pity, and great salvation upon me,
d come into my soul, with all the blessings
d consolations of thy coming into the world.

XI. O Lord! my soul is polluted and ununclean! but thy precious blood can cleanse me from all my sins and defilements, and make me fit to receive thee, to my profit and comfort. O speak thou the word, and I shall be clean and whole; and my soul shall live, and for ever bless thy name.

XII. Assist me mercifully, O Lord, in my designs and endeavours to obtain the blessed fruitions, whereof thou hast made me capable. O forgive my unworthiness; cover my deformities; help my infirmities; quicken my dulness; prepare me for thee; draw me unto thee; bring me into the enjoyment of thee: now in part, as far as I can attain; and hereafter in fulness, as much as my heart shall desire, and that for ever.

XIII. O that thy ordinance now may be the means of my establishment; to derive unto my soul, out of the fulness of Christ Jesus, grace sufficient to make me holy and lively, and able to do my duty: faithful in it, and constant to it! and what I have not in myself, Lord, do thou give me: and what I am not of myself, O do thou make me, for thine own mercy's sake. *Amen. Amen.*

Thanksgiving and Prayer after the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

I DESIRE with all my soul to adore and magnify thy blessed name, O Lord God, my heavenly Father, for all the expressions of thy love and bounty to me a poor unworthy sinner. Particularly for thy precious favours,

d the renewed pledges of thy love in Christ sus, which I have received from thee this y; that thou hast admitted not only into thy use, but to thy table, and used me as thy nd, and the child of thy family, who deserve be cast out as an enemy, and to be trampled der foot, even as the offscouring of all things. what manner of love is this, that I should so well, who deserve so ill at thy hands! that it should be so done to wretched sinful n! that the God so greatly offended by us, uld not only forgive us, but entertain and ft us with all the good things which our ssed Saviour has merited and prepared for us! rd, what is man, that thou art so mindful of , or the son of man that thou so visitest ! and what am I, one of the vilest and sinest of men, that the great Lord, so ill used me, should deal so very graciously with me! make me to know the things that are freely en me of God, and how much I do owe unthe Lord, for all thy kindness to my soul, ich thou hast redeemed and eternally obliged thyself. O give me a heart deeply sensible thy mercy, and steadfastly purposing to live thy glory; that I may shew my thankfulness thy benefits, by my obedience to thy preits. O keep me mindful of the vows of God n me: and help me to live, as having my y Redeemer now dwelling in me.

And as I have received Christ Jesus the Lord, enable me to walk in him, to walk more rthy of the Lord unto all well pleasing; to k in love, as Christ loved us; and to go on

in the strength of what I have receive thee, to live unto thee; following after hc as being not only brought so nigh to, bi mately conjoined with the holy one of G

As I have eat and drank the sacra bread and wine, to the nourishment and r ment of my body; so let the crucified bo effused blood of God my Saviour nouri sustain my immortal soul unto life eterna revive me with the sense of thy pardo peace, and love, that is better than life i

And O that the sacrifice of Christ Jesu sacrifice of himself which he offered u cross, and which I have this day been c morating at thy table, may atone for failings and miscarriages in my preparatic performances! that, upon the account grand propitiation for the sins of the world, I may be spared and accepted wit my God, here to thy blessed love, an after to thy heavenly glory; through h gave himself for us, and hath also given to us, even the Son of thy love, and th lover of our souls: for whom, and to with thy eternal Self and holy Spirit, thanks, and praise, and honour, and ascribed by me, and by all thy churcl and for evermore. *Amen.*

Some devout Ejaculations and Elevation Soul after receiving at the Lord's Ta

I. GLORY be to thee, O Lord ou that in our extreme need of a Re thou hast made such gracious provision

ouls, and sent thy son to die for our sins, and o save us who had destroyed ourselves. And hat he who offered himself upon the cross for us, s pleased to offer himself at his table unto us; where I have been tasting the fruits of his love, nd receiving my share among the redeemed of he Lord.

II. I bless thee, my God, for the mercies of a Saviour, without which all mercies else would e unavailable, and do me no good. I bless hee, that thou hast not witheld thy Son, thy nly Son from us, but given him to be the propitiation for our sins, and to be the life and food of our souls.

III. I sat down under his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. I have been entertained at the table of the Lord, and there his banner over me was love. 'Twas love that gave me the Saviour whom I have been receiving, and the opportunity now to come, and rest, and feast my soul upon him.

IV. Return to thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with thee. Thy life is given thee at his hands, who forgiveth all thy sins, and healeth all thy diseases; and not only redeems thee from distruction, but crowns thee with loving kindness and tender mercies, and satisfies thy mouth with good things, and those the best of all things even his pardon and peace, his Son and his Spirit, the riches of his grace, and the pledges of his glory.

V. Blessed be my God for that bread which came down from heaven to give life unto the world. And blessed be thy name, O gracious

Lord, for my share in this highest expression of thy wonderful love and bounty.

VI. Eternal thanks and praise be unto thee, O blessed God my Saviour, for all thy glorious achievements, in laying the sure foundation for our good hope, and everlasting consolation.

VII. Thou hast loved us, and redeemed us, and washed us from our sins in thy own blood. And O how infinitely indebted am I to thy mercy, that thou callest me to this sweet heavenly entertainment, which cost thee so dear to purchase and provide for us!

VIII. O make me more sensible of thy love, and more thankful for all its blessed effects; and let me now find the happy fruits of strength and refreshment to my soul, even strength against all the temptations that would pluck me from thee, and engage me in rebellion against thee; and such refreshment as may take my heart off all the pleasures of sin, and make it my meat and drink to do the will of my heavenly Father.

IX. After I have tasted the pleasures of my Father's house, O let me not go to feed upon husks. And let nothing wear off, or wear out, the savour I have had of things heavenly; nor let a world part between me and the blessed Saviour of the world.

X. Let me not turn my back upon the Lord of love, that has been so good and kind to my soul. O let me not break with my heavenly Sovereign, to whom now again I have vowed allegiance.

XI. Whither shall I go from thee, O blessed

who hast the words and the gift of eter-
! all is in thine hands; and thou art the
all Lords, who dost not rule us, but to
s: and canst have no ends upon us, in
g us, but only to keep off ruin from us,
secure the highest happiness to us.

I will admire, and love, and praise my
I will believe and trust in his tried mer-
rill rejoice and glory in his great salva-
And who shall pluck me out of his hands?
hall separate me out of his love? my be-
mine, and I am his. Thine I am, O
nd thine I will be, while I have my

. Yet Lord of all power and love! I be-
nee to keep thy servant from falling; and
e me in every time and case of danger.
not suffer me to undo myself; but pity
lty, and relieve my infirmity: and in thy
et me be safe, and never perish, but at-
everlasting life through Jesus Christ,
at Redeemer and only Saviour. *Amen,*

and Humiliation for a Public Fast-Day.

ORD God, glorious in holiness, and of
rer eyes than to behold any iniquity with-
orrence of it, and indignation against it!
nall man, sinful man, that drinks in ini-
ke water, appear before thee! and how
e, vile and frail, polluted and depraved
are, shew ourselves in the presence of
great and wise, just and holy God as
t! when we look upon thy perfect law,

and see what we should be, what man
persons in all holy conversation and godl
and when we reflect on our own hearts an
and find what we are; how wanting in o
ty, and how contrary to that holy rule
thou dost prescribe to us, by which to ke
hearts, and to order our conversation: w
not come into thy presence, O Lord, w
confusion of face, and anguish of soul, a
morse of conscience, to think how fo[illegible]ish
wickedly we have done; and how [illegible]obje
wretched we have made our[illegible]ves, [illegible]ve
than the dust of the earth, or any thin
moves upon it.

Besides that we brought with us a c
name into the world, full of strangeness t
our God, and full of enmity against thy
good, and righteous laws; we have misspe
most of our time here in the neglect of thy
and in disobedience against thy word
multiplying our offences against thee, a
hast been pleased daily to multiply thy b
and favours upon us. O the precious tir
we have lost, the means that we have neg
the mercies that we have abused, the ca
warnings, offers and invitations, that w
disregarded! how bold have we made w
glorious Majesty, and with thy holy laws
little awful regard have we had of thee
little conscientious fear of offending thee

O the crying sins and abominations, t
vailing wickedness, and the bold open
ties, (*The swearing and drunkenness, th*
uncleanness, the cruel enmity, and a

ner of injustice; the corrupt communication and ungodly conversation) whereby God is so greatly dishonoured and provoked every day, almost every where! and O how large a share have we had in adding to the public guilt! sinning as we have done, in all estates and affairs, in all relations and circumstances of our lives! and not only through weakness and surprise, and in the violence of temptations; but many times knowingly, wilfully, and presumptuously; with a high hand, and stiff neck against thee, our glorious Maker, and Judge eternal: and O how great a weight have we added to all our other sins, by the hardness of our hearts, and our impertinent continuance in our sins! committing great sins with little remorse, little penitent concern for all the evils whereof we have been guilty! Yea, Lord, how unsuitable still are our hearts and our lives to those holy rules, which thy word give us in charge to follow! so much is there still amiss with us, and wanting in us, that it is the great abounding mercy of our Lord, that thou dost yet lengthen our lives, and thy patience with us; and still leave us any of these opportunities to humble ourselves before thee, and to cry for mercy to thee, in that day of grace, which through the forbearance of our God is yet over us.

We have not glorified thee, O Lord, in bearing fruits of holiness answerable to thy revealed will, and to thy obliging love: but we desire to give glory to God, in confessing our sins, and humbling our souls, and acknowledging our desert of all thy judgments, and admir-

ing and magnifying the riches of that gr
mercy, which has spared us so long
and shewed us such marvellous kindn
notwithstanding the high provocation of
Lord, we have heard, and blessed be th
we have found, that the King of hea
merciful King. That with thee, ou
there is mercy that thou mayest be feare
our sins, though great and manifold,
pardoned; and that our souls, tho' ruino
much endangered, by reason of our sin
be recovered and healed, and eternally
O help us so to accuse, and judge, a
demn ourselves, that we may not be juc
the Lord, to be condemned with the
and so to lay our sins to heart, that tho
est never lay them to our charge, but
account of thy Son, our Saviour, who
hast appointed the propitiation for ou
and in whom thou art a God gracious a
ciful to poor sinners, that deserve notl
all from thee, but to be forsaken and ab
by thee, for his sake, O good God! giv
pentance and pardon for all that is past,
in we have offended thee; whether t
our sins of omission or commission;
weakness or wilfullness; failings or pr
tions; the sins of ignorance, or such
have committed against light and know
O gracious Lord, humble us duly und
sense of them, and absolve us thoroughl
the guilt of them. O set our sins in or
fore us, and make us to know our transgr
and the pleasure of our own hearts, and

e of us so to search and try our ways, that may turn to the Lord, and bring forth fruit et for repentance: and not only loath our-es in our own sight, for the evils whereof have been guilty: but also loath, as much ever we have loved, the things which dis-ase thy holy will, and dishonour thy blessed ne. O that we may forsake our sins, not y in the outward commission, but in the in-rd affection; not reserving to ourselves any or lust to be spared, nor any way of wick-ess, wherein we would be allowed: but ping at that distance which thy holy word ches us to keep, from every evil and accurs-thing that is abomination in thy sight, and tructive to our souls; and cleansing ourselves n all filthiness of flesh and spirit, endeavour-to perfect holiness in the fear of God.

We have been accessary to the accumulated nous guilt that endangers us all, and calls for gments on the land. O that we may be as ward to contribute our help, by the humili-on of our souls, and the reformation of our s, to save a nation, and to turn away the ger gone out against us, that we perish not. e us, O Lord, from our sins, which are the mies of our own house, more mischievous us than any other evils or enemies abroad. pour out a spirit of repentance and reform-on upon the whole nation: to heal the dis-pers of our souls, to curb the disorders of lives, and to recover the decayed power of lliness in the land: and so prepare and dis-e us not only for thy temporal mercies, but

for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. Help us so to turn from the evil of our ways, that thou mayest turn from the fierceness of thy wrath, and cause thy anger toward us to cease. O that we may fear the rod and who has appointed it! and so prepare to meet thee, our God, in the way of thy judgments, that the God of peace may think thoughts of peace to us, and not of evil; to give us an expected end, and the desired issue out of all our fears and dangers.

Thou canst shew us great and mighty things which we know not, and exceed all our expectations, as well as our deservings, by thy bountiful favours: and tho' thou mightest make us know the worth of slighted mercies by their want, and deprived us of all the good which we have so little improved, and so greatly abused: yet, O how many promises of thy word, and what frequent experience which we have had of thy mercy, in time of need, do encourage us still with hope to look unto thee, our God and to wait for the salvation of the Lord! O how long in all our provocations, hast thou spared us! and how often in our distresses, seen wonderful redemption to us! and to thee who hast helped and delivered, we look still for help and deliverance. O our God, be thou pleased to take the motive now from thine own mercy that has so far been pleased to interest thy glory in our safety; and go on to help and deliver us, for the glory of that mercy, which first made us thy people, and still hast owned us for thy

peculiar care. O do not abhor us, nor forsake us for thy name's sake: but be jealous for thy land, and pity thy people. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts, and cause thy face to shine and we shall be saved.

Either in mercy turn away the evils from us: or prepare us for them, and support us under them, and bring us happily out of them: that we may not sink under them, but find spiritual good by temporal evils; and find the light momentary afflictions to work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; and all things concurring to promote our grace and our peace with God through Jesus Christ. And though thou shouldst feed us with bread of adversity, and water of affliction, yet let not our teachers be removed into corners; nor bring us under a famine of the word of the Lord: nor give us over to the formality of a lifeless profession, under all the means of grace, to send leanness into our souls. Though thou permit the floods and storms to arise and increase; yet fortify us so by thy grace, that we may not be moved by any of the afflictions; so as to turn the blessed advantage of suffering for thee into an occasion of falling from thee.

Seeing the truth itself will not make us free if we are not true to it: and the purest religion cannot be our defence; when we continue still so bad, as to shroud the worst conversation under the best profession, help us, Lord, to rid our hands and our hearts of all the accursed things that provoke thy wrath and indignation against us. And let us wisely consider all thy doings;

and know the time of our visitation; and hearken to the calls, and take the warnings, and improve the means and mercies vouchsafed to us, while we have them: and follow the conduct of thy good providence, and comply with all thy gracious methods used, to reclaim us from our sins, and reform our lives, and save our souls; that all may not be in vain to us, but at last effect the purposes of thy saving mercy upon us: to deliver us from the evils to come, and to set us safe in the hands of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Confession and Prayer for the Evening of a public Fast-Day.

O LORD most high and holy, the God of all power and glory, against whom we have greatly sinned, and who by our sins hast been greatly provoked; we are under a necessity still to come and appear before thee; and we dare not keep away from thee. But O with what confidence can we look up to the Majesty of heaven, whom we have ill used, and so much offended!

Well may we be abashed and struck dumb, to bethink ourselves of all the evils that we have done, and all the sins of heart and life which we still are in: when we remember, O Lord, and consider thy perfect understanding of every particular, thy holiness to hate, thy justice to requite, and thy power to punish every wicked thing.

We fall down, and humble ourselves here at *thy* feet, blessed glorious God, confessing the

grievous guilt of our sins, and our due desert of thy heavy judgments. For we cannot but own ourselves to be some of those degenerate children whom thou hast nourished and brought up, that have rebelled against thee: yea, have made us the bolder to offend thee, the better thou hast dealt by us.

Holy Father! we are filled with confusion to think what little proportion our lives do bear to our names: how unsuitable to our profession, has been our conversation; and how inconsistant we have been with ourselves: when we are called the children of God, the members of his Christ, and the heirs of his glory; and call the gospel our rule, and profess to believe all the great eternal things which it contains; and yet carry, as if we did not know or mind the priveleges that we have, nor the relations, and obligations in which we stand.

Yea, this may not only fill our faces with shame, but our hearts with dread: lest our very profession of thy holy religion should rise up in the judgment against us; because we would so sin against our own belief and knowledge, to pull down the more heavy intolerable doom upon our own heads.

We have been vain and carnal, proud and unthankful in our health and prosperous state; and sullen and froward, murmuring and desponding in our low and afflicted condition.—The kindness and the mercy that should have allured us to thee, and encouraged us the more faithfully and cheerfully to serve thee, and has made us but forgetful of thee, and to wax warm

against thee. And the correction and trou that should have driven us out of our sins, a hastened us to flee for the life of our souls, l but put us out of patience, and filled us w prejudice against thy righteous hand, and w hard and unworthy thoughts of our God. A so we have made shift to keep the hold of sins, notwithstanding all thy various meth to break us off them.

Yea, to thee, Lord, who searchest the hea and triest the reins, we must acknowledge a bewail the sins of our hearts and minds: vain thoughts, and proud imaginations, lustful and covetous desires, our envious malicious projects: for these corrupt the fo tain, and defile the habitation of thy bles Spirit. These are the seeds and roots of all other evils of our lives; and render us even criminal in thy sight, as if we had outwar acted what we have so inwardly devised. Si vile inclinations and profaneness to evil, appr ing of it and delighting in it, and consenti to it, carries so much guilt and malignity alo with it, that even for this, thou mightest ju abhor us, and condemn us in that day wh God shall judge the secrets of men by Je Christ.

Thus we must criminate and arraign o selves; confessing that iniquities prevail aga us, temptations are still pressing upon us; a our sins, how often do they get the ascenda over us! still we are offending our holy Lo and still we carry in us the corrupt nature, carnal mind, the opposition to thy righte

law, which are enmity against God, and threaten us with thy wrath and ruin.

We read of such as cannot cease from sin: and such, O Lord, thou knowest us in a great measure to be; that have brought ourselves under the sad necessity of sinning against thee; and so entangled our guilty souls in the tempter's snare, as to be taken captive by him, even at his will.

We call to mind with shame and remorse, how we have provoked the eyes of thy jealousy, and affronted thy glorious Majesty; how frequently we have so sinned, and how heinously offended.

But after all this, so much amiss we have done, and when we can but thus acknowledge what great and provoking sinners we have been, yet O what sorry work have we made of our repentance for our sins! O how little have we done at it, but trifle with it! even when we talk of humiliation, and pretend to it, and argue for it, O Lord, thou knowest how seldom we have engaged in it, and how superficially we have gone over it, in the proper seasons of it: how hard and unrelenting have been our hearts! and how loth and backward to the most needful work.

O good God! wilt thou humble us, that we have been no more humbled; and lay not to our charge the sins of those services we have so ill performed. And seeing unrepented sins are the cause of thy dreadful judgments, O that the dread of thy judgments may drive us out of all such sins! and when the wrath of God is reveal-

ed against them, O let us not dare to continue in them. When the axe is laid to the root of the tree, and thy hand is lifted up, as ready to do execution upon us, O that we may be so warned and reclaimed, and bring forth such fruits meet for repentance, that we may not be hewn down and cast into the fire, nor die and perish in our sins! but may find a way to escape, and mercy from the Lord, and grace to help in time of need.

And the Lord in mercy pity our frailties and infirmities, and forgive us all our sinful neglect and iniquities. And for what is still wanting in us, O be thou graciously pleased to accept the full and perfect merits and righteousness of thy dear Son, our most holy Saviour: and let his precious blood be heard speaking for us where we have nothing to say for ourselves, and where we are so unworthy to be heard on our own account.

Be merciful, O God, to this sinful nation, that has so long enjoyed, and so much abused thy rich and sundry blessings, and still goes on to provoke thee daily. O forgive the many crying sins, for which thou mightest justly abhor us and reject us, and lay us desolate, and so forsake us utterly, as to be favourable to us no more. Yet grant us thy grace, we beseech thee, so to repent and amend, that we may be spared, and saved from all the judgments which we have so much deserved.

O that all thy warnings and threatenings, and chastenings, may not leave us still an unrelenting incorrigible people, nor pass over us,

without working an humble submission, and unfeigned repentance upon us! O that we may find the blessed reconciliation with our God, in humbling ourselves before thee, returning unto thee, and bringing forth such fruits of new and better obedience, as, in the Lord our righteousness, shall be favourably accepted by thee. That we may not sink under our fears, nor be ruined by our sins, but plucked as a brand out of the fire, to survive our dread and danger, and to see the good of thy chosen, and rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, and glory with thy inheritance.

And for the mercy which in judgment thou hast still remembered towards us: for all thy wonderful patience with us, and long sufferance of us, and that continued matter of thankfulness, which we have yet before us, that we are not all consumed, nor only spared, but many ways still blest and favoured: not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name alone be all praise and glory rendered with humble and grateful hearts, by us, and by all thine every-where now and for evermore. *Amen.*

An Addition in Time of War.

O LORD, the great and dreadful God! against thee we have so greatly sinned, and carried us such enemies to thy glory, that thou mayest justly use our enemies as thy scourge to correct us, and to make us feel some of the smart of our sins; for which it is meet we should patiently bear thy indignation, even under such thy dealings. But however thou shalt be

pleased to express thy anger against us, (
us not fall into their hands, whose very me
are cruel. Arise, O God, let not man pr
nor those that hate us swallow us up; but
ter them by thy power, and bring them d
O Lord, our shield. Thou that makes
wrath of man to praise thee, O work thy
even out of that which looks so contrary,
restrain the remainder of their wrath, an
a stop to the effusion of blood, that wars
cease, and our land have rest, and thy p
be blest with peace. Our eyes are upon
our great Saviour and mighty Deliver, to
us help from trouble, because vain else
the help of man. In times of danger,
thou our shield and buckler: and whe
sins lay us open to the malice of enemies,
cious God, be thou our hiding place, tc
serve us from the feared evils, and des
judgments. O for thy truth's sake, fc
church's sake, for thy beloved Son, our Sav
sake, spare us, good Lord, and give us n
a reproach to the enemies of our holy reli
nor let them ever have cause to rejoice i
ruin.

O go forth with our armies, thou Alm
Lord of hosts, and bless and prosper all,
our land and naval forces. And that we
not be in rebellion against heaven, while
are warring against us, O save us fro
provoking sins, and direct our ways to
the Lord; and help us so to make our
with our God, that thou mayest make
our enemies to be at peace with us. O

the camp from every careful thing which enfeebles their strength, and defeats their attempts that they cannot stand before their enemies, and turn them from all the provocations which weaken our hopes of receiving good by their hands. Cover thou their heads in the day of battle, and preserve them in all the times and cases of danger. O let them be as the sun when he goeth forth in his strength; and return with safety, honour, victory, and all good and happy success. O hear the prayers and cries of of thy servants, which stand in the gap, interceding in the anguish of their souls for these poor sinful nations, which have so long abused the rich vouchsafements of thy mercy; that we may be spared and saved, and, by the kind hand of omnipotent mercy, plucked as a brand out of the fire, to survive our sins and our fears, and to see the good of thy chosen, and rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, and glory with thy inheritance, for all the riches of thy grace and goodness to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Time of Infection.

O LORD God, the giver of our health, which is the blessing that sweetens all the other blessings of our lives; it is only of thy mercy that we have so much health and strength continued, after the disorderly manner in which we have lived. And, O how just were it thee, utterly to take away that he strength from us which we have bused to a forgetfulness of the

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ness against thee; how juſtly mightest t
smite us with the most sharp and noisome
eases, which our nature most abhorreth
hurry us out of the land of the living, and
a sorrowful end to our wretched days! our h
trembles for fear of thee, and we are afrai
thy judgments, leſt thou shouldst strike
us the arrows of the Almighty, for the po
thereof to drink up our spirits; thou shou
give unto Death a command to come in at
doors and make havock amongst us, and t
us away with the besom of deſtruction.
O thou hope of Israel, the Saviour theree
time of trouble! regard not our ill deserts,
remember thy own tender mercies, and gr
ous promises, and take pity on us, and t
away this plague from us. Do thou put a
to the raging infection, and say to the deſt
ing angel, it is enough. That we may no
so afraid for the terror by night nor for the
row that flies by day, nor for the peſtile
that walketh in darkness, nor for the desti
tion that wasteth at noon-day: but with
in our minds, and gladness in our hearts,
serve thee faithfully and cheerfully all our d
and devote our spared lives, which we h
begged at thy hands, and our health and
ery other mercy, to be laid out and used to
honour and glory, through the strength and
righteousness of thy dear Son, our most c
passionate and prevailing Mediator and Savi
Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD most High, the Creator of every comfort! thou hast long dealt out thy comtable blessings with a plentiful hand to us, d we have freely enjoyed all the abundance thy good things heaped upon us. But when ou hast fed us to the full, how have we kickl againſt our blessed Creator, and most bounful Provider; and consumed the provisions for ur bodies, to feed the lusts that war against ur souls, and to strengthen and embolden us our rebellion against the Majesty of heaven! ost righteous therefore, we confess, would be y judgments, holy God, if thou should ſtretch ut upon us the line of confusion, and the stones f emptiness, and break the ſtaff of our bread: nd curse us in all our store, and in all the enavours of our hands to help ourselves.

But, O thou blessed Father of mercies! in ercy avert from us the hunger, and thirst, and kedness, and want of all things, which is the ue desert of our sins, and of our wicked abuses f thy creature comforts; that the husbandman ay not be ashamed, sowing much and gathring little; and that the land may not mourn, d all the inhabitants, with the beasts of the eld, and the fowls of heaven. Humble us, O ord, for all our sins, and turn us from that ickedness which turns our land into barrenss: and then again be pleased to command blessing upon the blasted comforts, and abunntly bless our provision, and satisfy our poor ith bread; and give us fruitful seasons, filling ir hearts with food and gladness: that we ay see thy hand, and sing, and praise thy

power, and admire, and adore thy mer
bounty: and in the strength and refreshm
our comforts restored, joyfully devote ou
to thy holy service all the days of ou
Amen.

Devout Applications to the Lord in Time o
Thunder, or some terrible Tempest

O LORD God, most High and Alm
who lookest upon the earth, and i
bles, and touchest the mountains, an
smoke. How wonderful art thou, and t
in thy doings! to make us fear and treml
fore thee, who hast all the creatures at th
to employ them, when thou wilt, as th
cutioners of thy wrath; and even the dev
fire, and stormy winds, so outrageous in
selves, yet they fulfil thy word. In these
ishing flames, the roaring noises, and di
commotions, thou shewest the power of th
which no creature is able to resist. Wh
God of glory thunders, and causes his v
an amazing manner to be heard from h
thou makest us to know the terrors of the
and how fearful a thing it is to fall into th
of the living God. The dangers that star
come so nigh us, thou mightest make th
sengers of thy heavy judgments upon us.
we must own it, Lord, to be only of th
cies that we are not consumed, becau
compassions fail not. O let these thy cc
sions now be extended to us, and shewe
us, and in tender mercy cause the threa
destruction to pass over us.

Great God! there is no abiding of thy wrath: ugh we deserve it, we are not able to stand re it: but fall down, and humble, and mit ourselves to thy omnipotent glorious jesty, beseeching thee to spare us from the chief and ruin which thou mightest justly mission and empower to destroy us. And n the peril and hurt of lightening and tem-t, sweeping judgments and sudden death, d Lord deliver us.

despise not the prayers of thy poor crea-s, crying to thee in our distress and extre-y: but now and evermore vouchsafe to hear, Christ, graciously hear us, and let us find rcy from thee now, and in that great day of Lord, wherein the heavens, being on fire, ll be dissolved, and the elements shall melt h fervent heat; and the earth with all its rks, be burnt up. O if these sights, and ses, and shakings be so terrible to us now, v unspeakably astonishing will it be, when whole mighty frame of nature shall crack, l sink, and tumble down! O Lord of all rcy, save us now from our sins, that would n utterly consume us with terrors. For they now sins that make us afraid; and fearful-ss surprises us, because we have been false thy covenant, and rebellious against thy rd, and provoked the Lord our God to be gry with us. O forgive us all the guilt and nsgressions which do fill us with fearful ex-ctations of thy wrath and fiery indignation. d let the all-sufficient merits of our Lord Re-emer's bloody passion, that passion which

made the earth to quake, and the rocks rend, atone for every wickedness whereby v have offended the holy Majesty of heaven.

And O that we may not only be ſtunn and ſtruck down for the present, when th doſt ſo dreadfully discover thyself to us, a shake thy rod over us; but of thy mercy, Lord, awake us out of carnal security and har ness of heart, and forgetfulness of our Go who is a consuming fire. As the thunder ston though frightful, use to be fruitful, so may t dread of thy judgments produce some good fr of thy spirit in us. Blessed God, let thy te rors soften our hearts, and leave such deep a lasting impressions on our minds, that we m never disregard the words of the Lord, nor t operation of his hands; but with all awfulne revere and adore the supreme eternal Ruler all the world: and in thy holy fear keep ba from every evil provoking thing, and carry ou selves toward the Lord our God, in a humbl godly, circumspect manner, as long as we ha a day to live; even from this time forth, a for ever. *Amen.*

In Time of any sore and grievous Calamity.

O MOST high and dreadful God, the s preme Commander of the whole worl holy and reverend is thy name; just and ter ble are thy judgments: yet O how unsearch ble! and thy ways past our finding out! t path is in the great deep, and thy footsteps a not known. Clouds and darkness are rou about thee, yet righteousness and judgment st

ıe habitation of thy throne; and thou canst
: do injury to any, but art righteous in all
vays, and holy in all thy works. Who
d not stand in everlasting awe of thy hea-
glorious Majesty, O Lord, in whose
; we all of us are to be used as thou wilt!
canst touch and consume us by thy own
diate stroke, or arm any of thy creatures
aven or in earth against us; or make the
of them the executioners of thy just indig-
ı; or turn the very things wherein we
offended into the instruments of our pun-
ıt; yea, and plague us even in our com-
making the choicest blessings of our lives
ıe the saddest of our of our crosses, and
ceenest torments; either to take away life
us, or make it less desirable than death to

e fall down and kneel before the Lord our
er, in humble submission to thy correction,
owledging the heavy desert of our sins,
he perfect justice of thy judgments Hum-
ı, O good Lord, under thy hand; and for-
us the heinous guilt that provokes thee so
etch it out against us. Thou that takest
the sins of the world, have mercy upon
nd turn us from our sins, and deliver us
evil, and turn away thy wrath, and all
plagues from us. O let thy boundless
assion cover all the multitude of our trans
ions! and remember thy poor miserable
ures in mercy; even such mercy as may
us in our need and distress; and save us,
free us from our fears and dangers, and

from our griefs and pressures: that we comfortably spend our days, and glorify thy name for evermore. *Amen.*

Under any great Difficulties and arduou fairs.

O LORD, thou art a God of knowle whose understanding is infinite; and art never at a loss to effect what we w have, though the Lord knows the the thou of man, that they are vanity; and our wis is so often at a stand, that we know not to do for ourselves; as at this time, our a are so entangled, and such a labyrinth no volves, that we are perplexed in our cou and even the heads of the wise are puzzle contriving how to extricate and help us There are many devices in a man's heart, the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand. man's goings are of the Lord: how can then understand his own way? his heart advise his way, but the Lord directs his s If we lean not to our own understandings, in all our ways acknowledge thee, O L thou hast promised to direct our paths: when we commit our way to thee, and tru thee, we have thy word that thou wilt bri to pass. But thou hast pronounced wo them that take counsel, but not of thee: cover with a covering, but not of thy s and have not asked at thy mouth.

Our eyes therefore are upon our God: ar thee we seek now for wisdom from above:

we may learn to know the right, and to choose the best. For without thee, O Lord, our wisdom is folly and our debates madness. O be thou graciously present in our councils, and teach thou our Senators wisdom, that they may find out the true expedients to heal our breaches, and redress our grievances; and to keep us safe and do us good, and make us holy and happy. O may we all be taught of God which way to take, and how to determine and act, consonant and agreable to thy blessed will, and for our own peace and welfare, both here and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Temporal Blessings.

O LORD our God, thou knowest that while we are in this life we stand in need of its supplies: and hath both promised to such as seek thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, the addition of all other necessaries; and also hast commanded us to ask of thee our daily bread, and to cast our care upon thee, for all that is fitting for us. I pray therefore to thee, my heavenly Father, for such a child's portion as thy wisdom sees to be convenient, and agreable to my condition. O give me such health and wealth, and so much of the world's good, as shall be for my good. And I while I have a life to be nourished, let me not want the supports and comforts of it.

Give me skill and ability to provide for myself, and still add thy blessing to my endeavours. Where I cannot supply all my necessities, O do

thou raise up my friends and means to help that I may never be destitute of what is suffic to sustain me; and be it ever so poor and m yet let me acquiesce in the distributions of providence: and having food and rain be therewith content. In prosperity, kee from forgetting thee; and in adversity, me from concluding myself to be forgotte thee. O keep me from all unnecessary c and unprofitable dejections; and teach me to want as well as how to abound. A me, O my Father, what thou knowest me ther to need; and bless to me what alrea have: that the bodily comforts may not b my soul occasions of failing, but encou ments to my duty, and engagements on heart, to abound in thy love and praise, a the work of the Lord. And in the want other supplies and succours, by thou, O my all in all, in life and death, and everl *Amen.*

For Rain.

WE confess, O Lord, that we ha greatly abused the comforts of thy creatures, that thou mayest justly with them from us, and make the heavens ov as brass, and the rain of our land dust, an land itself to mourn, and all that grow up to wither; but, O thou Father of mercies, in judgment rememberest mercy, consul now our merits, but thy own mercies, he use us. Thou that hast the bottles and trea *of heaven* at thy command, be pleased no

pen the windows of heaven, and cause the ain to come down in its season; making grass o grow for the cattle, and herbs and fruits of arth for the use of men. And however thou rt pleased to deal with us, O suppress our re-inings at any of thy dealings, and let them all mend and better us, and make us people pre-ared to receive the mercies which we want, nd wait and beg for them at thy gracious ands, upon the account of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For fair Weather.

LORD, if thou shouldst turn a fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of hem that dwell therein, yet, righteous wert hou, and just would be thy judgments, and ve must not open our mouths to reply against od; but bear the indignation of the Lord, vhich our sins have so much deserved, when ur iniquities have turned away the blessings, nd withholden the good things from us. But,) Father of mercies, spare and forgive us, for hy own mercy's sake, and put a stop to the alamity that threatens destruction to the work f thy hands; that the rain, which is thy bless-ng, may not be turned into a curse, nor de-cend from heaven to corrupt and spoil the uits of the earth. O cause the overflowing owers to cease, which damp the joy of the arvest, and endanger the blasting of our bless-ngs. And as thou hast given us plenty, and aused our land to yield its increase, so give us, e pray thee, a seasonable time to gather in ie fruits which thy bounty has provided for us,

that, in the use of them, we may joyfully cheerfully serve thee, and not consume upon our lusts, but live to thy glory as w upon thy bounty. And when thy judgr are in the land, O that we who inhabit it learn righteousness! and let not our con ments be so great for our bodies as fo souls; that however we fare here, it m well with us for ever. O let us not labo for the meat that perisheth, as for that endures to everlasting life, which everl provision for our unchangeable condition, all we beg at thy hands, O Lord God ou venly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ only Saviour. *Amen.*

Prayer and Praise for a public Thanksg Day.

BLESSED Lord, the only living an God, who art of thyself, and givest and preservation to us, and to all thing that are in the world! We live by thee whole dependence is upon thee for all th that ever we have or hope for. And ab thy mercies, we have cause to admire bless, and praise thee, our God, for thos cies which in so large a measure, and e manner, thou hast been pleased still to safe unto us, who are the work of thy and the purchase of the blood of thy Son, thou hast made and redeemed to shew thy praise, and to glorify thy name. A desire to pay unto thee that tribute of h and service, and prayer and praise, whi

ast made us capable of, and so many ways bliged us to. We desire to perform the same n such a manner that thou mayest mercifully ccept us, and our services, at the hands of esus Christ.

Worthy art thou, O Lord our God, to reeive all honour and glory, all thanks and raise, and love and obedience; as in the courts of heaven, so in all the assemblies of thy ervants here upon earth: for thou art great, nd dost wondrous things: thou art God alone, nd thy goodness is equal to thy greatness.— Thy mercy is over all thy works, and endureth or ever. Thou, Lord, hast been favourable o thy land, and dealt exceedingly gracious with us: for which we desire to bless thy name, nd to give thee all the glory. It is of the Lord's mercy that we are not consumed, because thy compassions fail not: and that we are here alive to praise thee, and in any condition to keep a thanksgiving day. That we are not now nothing, or worse than nothing, we must acknowledge it to be of thy free grace, O Lord, and thy more mercy. That all the evils which have threatened us, have not befallen us; and that those evils which have come upon us, have not utterly destroyed and undone us, it is because thou, Lord, art gracious and merciful, and patient and kind, and still doing good to poor sinful men, who deserve nothing but evil at thy hands.

O how much have we to say of the goodness of the Lord by our own experience, and thy help at hand still in all the times and cases of

our need! How sweet and wonderful is it to recount all the instances of thy patience with us, and thy bounty to us! How from time to time thou hast signalized us with thy mercy, and made us remarkable for thy blessings and favours, most kind and precious, of many sorts! Thou hast cast our lot in a land of light, where we live under the influences of thy gospel, and thereby are called to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ: and for all the happy advantages and good things of this life, which thou hast given us plenteously to enjoy, thou hast made us the envy of our neighbours, and the particular objects of thy kindness.

Though many times we have provoked thee to stretch forth thy hand, and to shake the rod over us, and threaten to destroy us; yet in judgment still thou hast remembered mercy towards us; and after the clouds and darkness gathered about us, the dread and distress we were in on every side, thou hast caused the heavens again to clear up, and smile upon us; and returned with the visitations of thy love, and the joy of thy salvation.

In the late dangers thou hast been to us a tower of defence, and in the time of our need and perplexity thou hast shewed thyself graciously and powerfully in our behalf. Thou hast helped us for the glory of thy name, and redeemed us for thy mercy's sake: not because we were worthy, but because thou hast a favor unto us; and therefore, to thy name alone be all the praise! O what shall we render to the *Lord for* all his benefits! What can we give

hee, our God, but the glory of thy own
s and goodness unto us! O let not our
rts be shut and straitened towards thee,
ose hand has been so wide open to us; but
thou possess and enlarge these hearts of ours
h more and greater love and thankfulness to
gracious Giver of all our good things: and
ce us more sensible of thy goodness and love
towed upon us, that we may give thee
nks from the ground of our heart, and have
mouths filled as with marrow and fatness,
en we praise our God with joyful lips.
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iged people. And let us not only mention
loving-kindness of the Lord, but glorify thy
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uch mercy and encouragement as we have
eived from above. We can never enough
nire and magnify the riches of thy grace,
the multitude of thy mercy; but, O good
d, enable us still more to love thee, and
ter to serve thee: and, in so doing for us,
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ng and serving thee, we do best love and
e our own happiest interests. Our minds
not but muse, and our tongues speak of
works; so let our lives be led to thy praise,
thou, the great and good God, mayest in
things be glorified by us, through Jesus
ist. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for Temporal Blessings.

RACIOUS God, the bountiful Provider
for all the world's family, the eyes of all

wait upon thee, and thou givest them meat in due season. Thou openest thy and satisfiest the desire of every living Every year thou renewest the face, and the of the earth, and givest rain from heaven fruitful seasons, to fill the hungry with things, and to fill all our hearts with foo gladness. O how many of thy creature bestowed their labours, and lost their live been consumed to clothe and feed, and s and pleasure us! O at what vast exper thou continually to maintain the whole of creatures, that every where hang upo for life, and breath, and all things! ye art not weary to do us good, but still sh elt down blessings plentifully upon us; t vide, not only necessaries to keep us aliv also variety of comforts, to make our lives and desirable. Yea, thou delightest in r and hast pleasure in the prosperity of th vants; and makest us now to find, by ou happy experience, how abundantly goo kind thou art.

For Rain.

O Lord, thou hast sent a gracious rain thy inheritance, to refresh the dry and land, and cause it to yield its increase: us the joyful opportunity to serve and praise in the abundance of thy provision which art pleased so to make for us. O that would praise thee for thy goodness, and fo thy wonderful works to the children of O good God, to thy name only be all the now and eternally.

For fair Weather.

Lord, thou hast in mercy shut the windows heaven, and put a stop to the overflowing owers that threatened to drown the fruits of e earth: and hast caused this sweet and comrtable change to refresh thy unworthy servants nd to make all creatures rejoice in thy goodess. Blessed be our God, that deals so graiously with us: and glory be to thy name, ou great Withholder of all the evils, and Giver f all good. Let the people praise thee, O God, t all the people praise thee. Then shall the arth yield her increase; and God, even our wn God shall bless us.

For the Cessation of Infection.

O thou great Preserver of men! thou hast elivered our souls from the hand of the grave, nd kept us alive, that we should not go down o the pit; the jaws of death were open upon s, and we went with our lives in our hands: ur hearts failing us for fear of the destruction aging amongst us, when the very air, which e drew in to give us life, was to so many the ad messenger of death; and when thousands ell on every side of us, it has not come nigh s. But we have dwelt in the secret place of he Most High, and under the shadow of the Almighty, have been kept in safety. O what hall we say, what shall we give to thee, our preent Help and only Saviour, in time of trouble e are every way thine, O Lord; and to th nly be all the glory. We bless thee, O

as those that are made alive from the dead.—And O that the lives which have been given us at our requests, we may return them back to be spent in thy service! that we may love and please, and praise our God, while we have our being.

For the Restoration of Plenty.

O God, the Fountain of all goodness! thou didſt threaten with famine to deſtroy the bleſſings of the earth, which we have ſo wickedly abused: but remembering thy own tender mercies, and not our ill deſerts, haſt raiſed a new and plentiful ſupply for us. And now thou haſt crowned the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness. Thou haſt loaded the earth with the fruits of thy bounty, and ſent abundance of all good things for the ſervice and comfort of man. O make us more ſenſible of the obligation which thy love has laid upon us. And as thou fillest us with thy good things, ſo fill our hearts with thy love and grace to uſe every gift aright to thy glory: that in the uſe and ſtrength of what we are continually receiving from thee, we may devote ourſelves to live unto thee, and to ſerve thee with gladneſs and rejoicing for all thy rich mercy to us in Jeſus Chriſt.

For Victory over our Enemies.

O Almighty Lord, the moſt High God, who rulest in the kingdoms of men, and doſt whatſoever thou pleaſeſt in heaven and in earth! in *thy* hand is power and might, ſo that none

able to withstand thee. It is thou that givest salvation unto kings, that deliverest thy servants from the hurtful sword.

Thou hast saved us from our enemies, and put them to shame that hated us. It was not by our own power and conduct that we have been so prosperous; nor did our own sword or arm save us; but thy right hand, and thy arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favor unto us. Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory. The Lord is our strength, and our song, and is become our salvation. Now, therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. And, O what cause hast thou given us to rejoice in thy goodness, that thou hast not given our enemies cause to rejoice in our ruin! Great is thy mercy, O blessed Lord, and to thee alone be the whole praise and glory. O make us more sensible of this help at hand, in time of our need, and give us grace still to keep the memory of it in our grateful minds. O thou great Lord of hosts, who givest such safety and good success, wilt thou teach us also rightly to use thy sweet and marvellous kindness and love; that being delivered from the hands of our enemies, we may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives, and not break out into licentious conduct, as if we were delivered to commit abominations; so throwing ourselves into the hands of our spiritual enemies, after we have escaped the other, but demeaning ourselves as the redeemed and obliged of the

Lord. O let us love and trust, and bless a praise the Reliever of our misery, the o Giver of all victory, and the God of all c mercies, for ever and ever.

For Peace.

O God of Peace, that makest wars to ce to the ends of the earth, that breakest the b and cuttest the spear asunder, and burnest chariot in the fire; thou hast in mercy pu stop to the effusion of blood, and made pe in our borders; thou hast rebuked strong tions, to make them beat their swords i ploughshares, and their spears into prun hooks, that nation may not rise against nat but every man fit under his vine, and under fig-tree, and none make them afraid. O h sweet is thy mercy, and reviving, as life f the dead! And thou, O Lord, that hast gi us peace, O give us also grace to use it to glory, and to serve thee still the more fre and cheerfully: that we may not only h peace with men, but also with our God; e the peace of God that passeth all understandi to keep our hearts and minds through Ch Jesus.

O that we may be sensible of the kindr and love of God our Saviour, as we ought, ever give thee thanks with all our souls! D Father of mercies, rather take all our g things from us, than leave us speechless a heartless to thy praise. O that our hearts m be enlarged in thy love, and lifted up in celebration of thy praises! To thy name,

Lord, be all the glory of all thy mercy and bounty. And may all thy works, and all thy servants bless thee, and praise thee, and magnify thee for ever. And may we have grace to express the thankfulness of our hearts, in the whole conduct of our lives; devoting ourselves to be thine in faithfulness, as long as we are in being. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving after a safe and good Journey.

ALL thank and praise that I am able to render, is a debt that I owe unto thee, O Lord my God; and I desire with all my soul to pay it, for that goodness of thine which I have experienced all along now in my journey; where thou hast not only been nigh to me, and watchful over me, to secure me from the perils of the way, and from every sad accident that might have befallen me, but hast given me success, and surrounded me with blessings and comforts on every side. When at every turn and every step I was exposed to the evils that might have hurt or spoiled me, and I might now have been groaning under broken bones, or bruised limbs, or other harms; yea, might have been cut off and perished in the way, and lost not only health and strength, but life itself; but thou, Lord, hast in mercy preserved and kept me in safety, and brought me to see my habitation in peace, and all things here, even according to my heart's desire.

A horse is a vain thing for safety, and nothing upon earth can we confide in to defend us, if the blessed Keeper of Israel do not cover

us under the shadow of his wings, and give his angels charge over us, to keep us in all our ways. But such invisible guards I have had, and such favors from the Lord of Love I have found. The mercy and goodness of the Lord has followed me all the days of my life, has been renewed afresh, and further manifested to me in these my travels. And O how inexhaustible is the kindness and bounty of my Lord, never weary to do me good! to thee, O God of my life, and safety, and comfort, be all the glory. O fill me with a most grateful sense of such thy rich grace and continual mercy; and give me a heart abounding with thankfulness, and with thy love and praises; yea, give me also grace to express the unfeigned thanks of my heart, in all the ways pleasing to thy holy will, through the beloved of thy soul, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving for Preservation and Deliverance from Dangers and Troubles.

MANY, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward for good, they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee; if I should declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. According to thy name so is thy praise, to the ends of the earth. The dead praise thee not, nor any that go down into silence; the living, the living, they shall praise thee, as I desire with all my soul to do this day. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed, I will sing and give praise.

will be glad and rejoice in thee, and sing raise to thy name, O thou Most High. I will raise thee, O Lord, for thou hast heard me, id art become my salvation. I found trouble id sorrow, then I called upon thee, and thou ast attentive to my cry, and nigh to my help. nd though thou mightest have made an exnple of thy judgments to others, as others ve been made so to me, thou didst not conlt my deserts, but my distress; doing great ings, and working strange deliverances for e: not because I was worthy, but because ou aboundest in mercy.

I was in woeful perplexity: fear was on ery side: all my hope was ready to expire, id I thought there was no help for me, but I ust sink and perish:—then didst thou, O ord, interpose between me and the threatenng mischief, and reveal thy glorious arm, to uck me out of the very jaws of destruction, id set me at liberty from any amazing fears, id in safety from the dreadful dangers, and ist kept me alive, and restored my comforts; ot taken me away in the midst of my days, or cut me off untimely from the land of e living; but sparing me in mercy, and givng me, as it were, a new life from the dead. hou hast chastened me, but not given me er unto death. When my foot slipped, thy ercy, O Lord, held me up. Thou art the od that doest wonders; wonders of power, id wonders of mercy. As nothing is too hard r thee to effect, so nothing is too good for ee to bestow. Yea, thy kindness and help

at hand, in the woeful time of need, is s
sweet and surprising that nothing can so affe
and transport our souls.

Thou, Lord hast made me glad through th
work; I will triumph in the works of thy han
I will sing of thy power: yea, I will sing alou
of thy mercy: for thou hast been my defen
and my refuge in the day of my trouble. Un
thee, O my strength, will I sing, for God
my defence, and the God of my mercy.
Lord God, merciful and gracious, I am no
sensible of such mercy from thee. I will ext
thee, who hath exalted me; and not suffer
the trouble and danger to overwhelm and ru
me. In my distress I cried to thee, and th
hast enlarged me. O blessed be God, w
has not cast away my prayer, nor his mer
from me. But, dearest Lord! thou hast ke
me in safety, and caused the destruction so
pass over me, that I suffered but in my o
fears, of what I have so little felt. I cann
without amazement, look back upon the pe
ous case that I was in, and the brink of r
that I lay upon. And that I should escape,
I have done, O how marvellous is it in
eyes! And O what cause have I for thy pra
that I am here alive to praise thee! O my G
it is thy good hand that has wrought so w
derfully for me, and thy fatherly kindness t
has shewn such extraordinary favor to me.
if I had been snatched away unprepared, h
dreadful a change should I have found: b
in mercy and love to my soul, (I give t
glory,) thou hast made a way for my esca

nd I am preserved the living monument of ıy unspeakable goodness.

O what shall I say unto thee, whose name exalted far above all blessing and praise! and hat shall I do for thee, to whom my goodness ill not extend. I can never answer the obgations which thy love, dear Lord, has laid on me; but let me admire and love, and less and praise thee, with all the capacities ıd abilities which thou hast given me. And ! that thou wouldst imprint so deep upon my eart the sense of such seasonable relief and onderful mercy, that I may never forget, neer slight or abuse the great goodness that thou ast shewed me, and the signal preservation nd recovery which thou hast wrought for me; ut ever give thee thanks with all my heart, nd conduct myself as one that is so highly bliged, all the days of my life; not secure and areless, becaused I have so escaped, but the ıore watchful and diligent, the more I have een engaged and favoured, approving my hankfulness in such a manner as thou mayest raciously accept in my blessed Saviour Jesus hrist.

Thanksgiving and Prayer after Recovery out of a dangerous Sickness.

O GOD of my life! in whose hand my breath is, and by whom all men do live, nd have their days here prolonged or shortened! was brought low, and ready to think that hou wouldst now determine, and make an end f my days upon earth, and counted myself so

nigh unto death, that I expected every when that last enemy which lay in wait me, would come and seize upon me.

But thou, Lord, hast graciously disappoi my fears, and rescued me from his hands, raised me up to walk again before thee in land of the living. Though thou brought even to the mouth of the grave, yet hast brought me back, that the pit of corru should not swallow me up. And thou gave me life at first, hast now given it to afresh. And to thee, my God, I desire th fore, with all my soul to give all the prais O blessed be my great Preserver, the dear only Saviour of my body, as well as soul; God of my health, my heavenly Physician, life, and the length of my days. O that I live to declare the works of the Lord, and forth the honour of his name! that I may look upon my extended life as an occasio the flesh to enjoy my liberty and pleasure i the earth, but as an engagement on my h to abound in gratitude, and love, and pr and all faithful duty, and chearful obedien my gracious God.

For in mercy to my soul, the Lord has g me a further allowance of time in the w to fill up what was wanting in my spiritual ef and to make a better preparation for the venly kingdom. And upon this account a it is that our life is so valuable, and our tim precious here upon earth, that we may h space to repent; and the opportunity to cor the errors of our past lives, and to secure

greatest of all our effects; to serve our Lord to more well pleasing, and to dress up ourselves into a greater fitness to meet the eternal glorious Bridegroom. O that the life now renewed to myself may also be a new life to the Lord; that I may not only say, I thought I should have died, but may conduct myself henceforth as one restored even from the dead: and live with such dying thoughts, that when I come to die I may go off with lively hopes.

For it is no total escape, but only a reprieve that is now granted me; and my death is a debt to nature that must be paid: nor is there any avoiding it; but the hands of Death that have been catching at me, will yet certainly take hold of me: and I know not how soon I may be down again, and not only threatened, but enclosed in the grave: for that is my house, where, after all, I must take up, and go to rottenness and dust. And when I least think of it, O how suddenly may I be cut off, and take my last leave of this world.

O let me not live, then, as if I should never see death; nor put it far from me, as if it would never be upon me; nor reckon upon any sure standing, or long abiding, in such a changeable transitory world, that is but the house of our pilgrimage, and the home of no person, nor the place of our rest. But when I am dust, and to dust I must return, O help me, Lord, so to remember and consider my death, that I may be the better for it, in all the course and conduct of my life; with such wise and holy circumspection, conducting myself, and or-

dering all my conversation in the world, that when I must close my eyes upon this present scene of things, I may depart hence full of peace, and hope to enjoy far better and more durable goods than any that are here to be found. And for my recovery, and such health as I enjoy at present, O let me pay my vows to the Lord; and from the ground of my heart, ascribe to the God of my salvation, all glory, thanks and love, and service, throughout the whole remainder of my life, and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Blessing, Direction, Help and good Success in any great Enterprize.

O LORD God, infinitely wise and good, who teachest man knowledge, and givest both the skill and the power to accomplish our purposes, and also the blessings and success to bring things to pass according to our wishes. I know not what to do, but my eyes are upon thee, and all my expectation is from thee, and still I desire to wait, and call, and depend upon thee. A great work now I have to do, but O how little strength to do it! All my sufficiency is of thee, who workest in us to will and to do of thy good pleasure. Thou that hast been my help, leave me not, nor forsake me, O God of my salvation, but let me be taught of God what I have to do, and let the gracious Lord make me to understand what is his good pleasure concerning me. O that my ways were directed to please thee, that I may have the light of thy countenance shining upon me.

My Lord and my God, leave me not in the hand of my own counsel, nor to the conduct of my own foolish and deceitful heart, but lead me by the way that I should go, and guide me continually, that discretion may preserve me, and understanding may keep me. O make my way prosperous, and give me thy blessing and good success. Bring all needful things to my remembrance, and where I have not the presence of mind nor power of performance, O magnify thy power in my weakness; and let me go forth in thy name and strength, and speed and prosper by thy grace and blessing. Let thy good providence so be my defence and security, and thy Holy Spirit my Guide and Counsellor, that I may wisely choose, and rightly manage, and successfully accomplish the things wherein I have engaged.

Thy will be done, O Lord, however I am pleased or crossed; and let me ever design thy glory, whether it make for my gain or loss, in any respect in this present life. O be thou still a gracious Father to me, and a merciful Provider for me; and grant me now the comfortable sense of thy good acceptance of me, and thy designs of mercy towards me. Be thou pleased to take me to thy fatherly care, and conduct and preserve me from the evils into which I am prone to fall, and quicken me to the good which I am averse to perform. O establish thou the work of thy hands upon me; yea, the work of my hands establish thou it.—My God and Guide, my Help and Strength, if thou lead me not, I shall run into errors; if

thou keep me not, I shall fall into dangers: but hold thou me up, and I shall be safe; and let me experience thy power and presence with me, and all the goodness of the Lord passing before me, that I may so go through this and all the affairs of my life, that, at my last reflection upon what is past, my soul may have peace, and give thy name the praise, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer when going abroad.

O LORD, thou art the same God in all places, and no where can I go but thou art there. Both at home and abroad, on my way and at the end, thou art ever with me, by thy universal presence of grace, and thy good Spirit, to conduct and guide me continually; to protect and save me from all dangers and mischiefs; and to make my way prosperous, and all my affairs successful. O let the blessing of the Lord follow me, and rest upon me, and preserve my going out and my coming in, and never leave me nor forsake me, but be my God and Guide this day, in all this journey, and all my life long, which is but a pilgrimage and passage through this world, in which I am continually hastening home to the period of all my travels, to the place where I must take up and dwell for ever.

O good God, make me continually mindful of that progress, and of that journey's end; and keep me from sinful wanderings, and those worst of falls, to fall from my God. Take care of me, I beseech thee, and lead me, and keep

me, and help me; and after all my motions here, O bring me safe at last to thy holy hill, and to thy heavenly rest, to the blessed end of my faith, the everlasting salvation of my soul, through the greatness of thy mercy to me in thy dear Son, my gracious Lord, and only saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Illumination and Knowledge.

O LORD, the eternal uncreated light, thou hast not left thyself without witness amongst us, but in thy holy word and works before us, in our souls and consciences within us, and in all thy creatures on every side of us, we may see the tracks of thy presence, thy power, wisdom, and goodness. That I have therefore no more and better knowledge of God, and the things belonging to my peace, it is my shame, and owing to my sinful dullness and negligence in that which does most nearly and eternally concern me. Ah! Lord, I have not improved in knowledge answerable to the light which thou hast caused to shine upon me, nor according to the means of instruction wherewith thou hast blessed me; but I have need to be taught myself the things whereof I might have been a teacher of others: for which I desire, O Lord, to humble myself, and to beg thy pardon, and come now to ask wisdom of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not.

I cannot see or know thee, O Lord, but by the beams of thy own light, which thou art pleased to impart. O wilt thou vouchsafe yet

further and more fully to discover and manife thyself to my soul; and teach me to know right thee, the only true God, and Jesus Chri whom thou hast sent! O blessed Son of Rig teousness, arise upon me with healing in t wings to scatter all the clouds of folly and i norance, and error, and prejudice, that ove spread my soul. Open my eyes that I may b hold wonderous things out of thy law; a open my understanding that I may understa the scriptures, and not remain in darkness co cerning any thing that is needful for me to kno in order to my present peace and duty, and my eternal bliss and felicity. And wherei soever I, or any whom I am concerned wi or for, are otherwise minded than we ought be, O God, reveal the same to us; and let all be taught of thee, to know thee, from t greatest to the least: and not be unwise, b understanding what the will of the Lord is!

That the soul be without knowledge is n good: O incline our ears to wisdom, and o hearts to understanding, that we may follow to know the Lord, and increase in the kno ledge of God. Shew us thy ways, O Lor and lead us in thy truth. And whatever el we are ignorant of, unto us let it be given know the mysteries of the kingdom of Go and to know what we are to believe, and ho we are to conceive of thy blessed Self, and the things of God that concern us. O Lor our light! give us understanding in the w of godliness; a spiritual discerning of the thin *of thy* Spirit; and make us wise to salvatio *Give* us the spirit of wisdom and revelation

he knowledge of thee: the eyes of our under-tanding being enlightened, that we may see vhat is the hope of our calling, what the riches f the glory of thy inheritance in thy saints, and vhat the mighty power of thy spirit, which vorks in them that do believe.

O put thy law in our inward parts, and vrite in our hearts, that we may be well ac-uainted with thy will revealed in thy word; hat the scripture may not be to us a sealed ook, or a gospel hid; but a lamp to our feet, nd a light to our path, to shew us what we ave to do, and how to demean ourselves in all states, affairs, and circumstances of our lives.) that our ways were directed to keep thy sta-utes! Help us, O Lord, so to do thy will, hat we may know the scriptures to be of God, nd may have the witness in ourselves, and erceive the divinity of thy word, by the hea-enly power and efficacy of it upon our lives. And though now we see but darkly, as in a lass, and know but in part, and cannot by earching find out the Almighty to perfection, et help us still more and better to know our God, so as we can know, till hereafter we shall now as we are known, and see face to face, n that blessed presence of thine, where is ful-ess of joy for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Repentance.

O MOST Holy Lord God, against whom I have greatly sinned, and who for my sins rt justly displeased; thou hast revealed thy vrath from heaven against all ungodliness and

unrighteousness of men, that impeniently in their trespasses; and let us know, that all have sinned, so, except we repent w all likewise perish. Even the Saviour of s will not save any sinner without repen nor dost thou remit what we do not r though, upon our repentance, thou hast ed us of thy gracious pardon and accep and when we return unto thee, and humb selves before thee, thou wilt shew us th passion, and grant us thy salvation. O ous Lord! great is thy mercy, to vouch us this remedy; and to deal so favoureb us, as to forgive and receive us, when but sensible of our miscarriages and reb and humbly submit ourselves, and leav do foolishly and wickedly. Such hum and reformation is the beſt and moſt thing for me to do; but O how averse a sufficient I am to do it! thou Searcher of knowest my heart to be so hardened, t the deceitfulness of sin, that as soon may water out of the flint, as godly sorrow this obdurate heart, if thou, the great C not soften it with thy holy fear, and d and overcome it with thy powerful lov that I can no more turn with all my h the Lord, than I can turn the course of to run back to the fountain, unless tho me by thy grace, and give me power f high, to enable me for the blessed work

O thou that didst cause water to gush the stoney rock, wilt thou break and n *rocky* heart into such contrition as works

ance unto salvation. Yea, thou that fashionest all the hearts of the sons of men, take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, broken and contrite, such as thou wilt not despise, that I may look, upon him whom my sins have pierced, and mourn, and be in bitterness for all the foul offences that I have committed against the Lord of Love, the God of all my mercies. O give me such true repentance for them, that thou mayest also give me full pardon of them. Give me, good Lord, that repentance which thy holy word requires, and such as thy gracious goodness in Christ Jesus will mercifully accept; even the repentance unto life never to be repented of. O help me to repent, and to be converted, that my sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Turn thou me, O Lord God of my salvation, and so shall I be turned, and change my mind, and amend my life, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance; not only confessing and bewailing sins committed, but also hating and forsaking sins confessed and bewailed, loathing as much as ever I have loved the things that displease thy holy will, and dishonour thy blessed name.

What I cannot recal, yet Lord, give me grace to repent. And where I am, alas! so far from innocent, Father of mercies, make me penitent. And touch my heart with such a powerful sense of thy all loving kindness, as may work upon my ingenuity, to break my heart for my sins, and from them: and make me sorrowfully con-

cerned, that ever I should commit offences so great against thee God so infinely good: yea, make so circumspect, and full of care, to keep myself henceforth in thy fear and love, that I may never be so strange to thee as I have been, nor fall away from thee, and trespass upon thee, as I have done. O my God! let thy goodness lead me to such repentance; and help me so to break off my sins, and to turn and cleave unto thy blessed Self, that thou mayest have mercy upon me, and abundantly pardon all my abounding sins, through the infinite riches o thy grace and goodness, in the Son of thy love my only Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Faith and Trust in God.

WITHOUT faith it is impossible to pleas thee, O God, and therefore I come t beg of thee that faith which is thy gift. Lor help my unbelief, and increase my faith! Wha ever thou hast revealed, let me take it upon th credit of thy word; and where I have thy pr mise, let me not stagger through unbelief, b fully persuade myself, it shall be as thou ha said. O bless and enrich my soul with such holy, lively, and unfeigned faith, as may e lighten my mind, and purify my heart, a influence my whole life; such a faith as m enable me to receive Jesus Christ for my S viour, and heartily to give up myself to him my Lord: so to be ruled and sanctified by h here in this life, that I may be for ever sav and glorified by him in that life which is *come.* O help me to assent unto the tru

it I may also consent to the terms of the gos-
l; and work in me that effectual faith which
ıy work by love, and may enable me to over-
me the world, and to live above it, looking
and for the great and glorious things of
better world, those unseen things that are
ernal.

In my greatest darkness and distress, O let
e trust in the name of the Lord, and stay
yself upon my God, committing my ways
ıto thee, and casting my burthen upon thee,
ho carest for us; yea, putting my trust in
ee, though thou slay me: trusting in thy al-
ighty power to help and save, in thy tender
clinations to pity and relieve, and in the sure
omises which thy love hath made, and which
y faithfulness will certainly make good unto
l that wait and call upon thee, to remember
y word unto thy servants, upon which thou
ast caused them to hope.

And though I am not presently answered in
ıe wishes of my heart, O let me tarry and
ait patiently for the salvation of the Lord, and
ıve my eyes upon the Lord my God, till he
ave mercy on me. Yea, make me so sound
ıd strong in faith, that my faith may never fail;
ıt that it may be found to praise and honour,
ıd glory in every time of trial, and at the great
ppearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

A Prayer for power to live by Faith upon Christ and the Divine promises.

T is the command of my Saviour, that they
who believe in God, should believe also in

him, as our only Mediator with the Father, to whom none can come but by him; neither is there salvation in any other, who counts it no robbery to be equal with God; yea, who himself is over all, God blessed for ever. But it is life eternal to know him: and none shall perish that believe in him. O the riches of grace, and the wonders of divine mercy, that it should be so done to poor sinners. Blessed for ever be thy glorious name, O God of all grace, who, of thy abundant mercy, hast provided such a wonderful remedy for our sinful misery, to save us through faith in him; where we could not be saved by any merits or performances of our own.

Great and holy Lord! in all that ever I do, I cannot but see the extreme need of a Saviour, and that I am undone without the free grace of God in Jesus Christ. And therefore I desire to go even out of myself, and to be found in him; not having my own righteousness, but that which is through the faith of him, and to sit down under the shadow of that blessed tree of life, which yields the richest fruits, most sweet to the taste of all sensible souls. O that Christ, who is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth, may be the Lord my Righteousness! that his righteousness may be imputed to me; and that with the heart I may believe unto righteousness: even so believe in Jesus Christ, that I may be justified by faith, and have peace with God through him.

The blessed Jesus is my Life and Strength, *my* wisdom and riches, my health and joy, my

lory, and my all. There is no healing for my oul, but in his blood: no peace for my conience, but in his reconciling me to God: no atisfaction to my mind, but in that most perct atonement, which satisfies even the strictest stice of heaven. O none but Christ! none ut Christ! without this all-sufficient Redeemer, am a lost creature. I beseech thee, therefore,) Lord, whatever else I want, leave me not estitute of him, but give me Christ, or I die ternally. Though I confess myself most unworthy of him, and that I deserve to go for ever ithout him, because I have so wickedly depised him, and neglected his great salvation, nd abused all his kindness and love; yet I dare ot add this to all my other offences, to despair f that mercy of thine, O Lord, which in him ou art pleased to hold forth, even to the most nful and unworthy. Seeing thou art in Christ esus, a God reconciling the world to thyself, nd hast given him to be a propitiation for our ins; and he came to seek and to save even the st, and to call sinners to repentance; and invites to him the labouring and heavy-laden; ea, bids whoever is a-thirst to come and take f the water of life freely, without money, and ithout price; and promises that such as come) him, he will in no wise cast out:—to him erefore I look, and in him will I trust; and f thee, my gracious Father, I beg for help to) it as I ought. O be thou pleased to shine to my heart with thy heavenly light, to reveal y Son in me, and to shew me his all-sufficiency r me, and my own happy share and interest

in him. Dear Lord, give me thy Son to me; and give me thy Spirit to draw me to and enable me to take hold of him, to rel on him, and to believe in him, to the savi my soul. O make me more acquainted the way of saving sinners by Jesus Christ, help me, for my own part, to acquiesce and to submit to the righteousness of Goc

Seeing thou, O God of all grace, jus sinners freely by thy grace, not for the wo our works, but for the worthiness of thy through the redemption that is in Jesus C O may it be given unto me to believe on and to repose all my trust in him, that beli I may have life through his name; and still be fully persuaded in my mind, that the true Messiah, and the only Saviour o world: and never distrust his power, c love, nor be faithless, but believing that (is my Lord and my God, who loved mc washed me from my sins in his own bloc And the God of hope fill me with all joy peace in believing, that this may be all n lace, and my soul's rest, to lie at the fc Jesus, to cast my burden upon the Lord, to lean on the Beloved of my soul, and the promises of God in Christ. Though is nothing in me but pollution and disord let me not keep off from my Saviour; but to him at his call, and believe in the nai the Son of God, to be made clean and v None can more need his help, Lord, than O that it may not pass by me; but let tl *viour* of the world be the Saviour of my

and let Christ abide with my spirit, and be ever at hand to do me good. O that my Redeemer may look with such an eye of favour upon me, and revive me with some tokens of his love, which is better than all the enjoyments and comforts of the world.

Help me, O thou great Author and Finisher of our faith, to pray in faith! believing that I shall receive the things which I ask in thy name. O, my Lord and my God! make me to know and to believe the love thou hast to me; yea, that thou hast loved me with an everlasting love. And let it bear me up under all troubles; fortify me against all temptations, and quicken and enable me for the performance of all my duties, to know whom I have believed, and to know that the Lord Jesus Christ is my Strength and my Redeemer. O that Christ may dwell in my heart by faith, and that the life which I now live may be by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me: in whom, though now I see him not, yet believing, let me rejoice with unspeakably glorious joy.

It is thy gracious promise, Lord, to blot out thy people's transgressions, for thy own sake, and to heal their backslidings, and not remember their sins, nor let sin have dominion over them: yea, to have mercy even upon the wicked and the unrighteous man forsaking his way and his thoughts, and abundantly to pardon; to give to thy servants the heart of flesh; a new heart and a new spirit: to put thy Spirit within them, and cause them to walk in thy statutes, and to keep thy judgments, and to do them: to per-

form the good work in them; and though they fall, to uphold them with thy hand, and let none pluck them out of it: yea, to put thy fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from thee; and to preserve them to thy heavenly kingdom, and to give unto them eternal life. O exceeding great and precious promises! no such cordials to poor fainting souls: and they are not too great to be made good; for faithful is he that hath promised, who also will do it. It is ratified in heaven, and not one jot or tittle of thy word, Lord, shall pass away, till all be fulfilled. O let me believe that I, even I, shall see it. What time I am afraid, let me trust in thee, and give glory to God, in believing thy gracious promises, though I know how unworthy I am to have them accomplished upon me. Let me lay upon thy kind words of promise, O my Father, as the richest treasure, and confide in them as the surest tenure, counting nothing so firm as what God hath said; and despising all the wealth and honour, and pleasures of the world, in comparison of Thyself and thy Son, and thy Spirit, thy love, and thy grace, and glory; which I earnestly beg of thy bountiful hands, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Divine Assistance.

O LORD God Almighty, who givest power to the faint, and increasest strength to them that have no might! Without thee I can do nothing, nor so much as will or think any *good,* nor keep myself from any evil; but by

thy gracious assistance it is that I am enabled for the performance of every duty laying upon me: and my help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth: and thou art able to keep us from falling, and to make us perfect in every good work, to do thy will; working in us that which is well-pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ. Yea, thou hast encouraged us to come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Lord of power and love, I come, trusting in thy Almighty strength, and thy infinite goodness, and thy gracious promise, to beg from thee what is wanting in myself; even that grace which shall help me such to be, and so to do, as thou wouldst have me. O my God! let thy grace be sufficient for me, and ever present with me; and let thy good Spirit help my infirmities, and strengthen me with might in the inner man, so as to enable me against my sins, and for thy service, that I may be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, and do all things as I ought, through Christ strengthening me.

O thou that hast shewed thyself still gracious on my behalf, and brought me on hitherto, never cast me off, I beseech thee, nor abandon me over to myself, who am a reed shaken with the wind, a leaf driven to and fro; but let me full experience thy help at hand, and my God performing all things for me. I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, and trust in the Lord Jehovah, in whom is everlasting strength. O my Lord! come in to my succour,

and be thou my helper, to carry me on beyon my own strength, and to make all that I think and speak, and do acceptable in thy sight. (may I both put forth myself, to stir up th grace of God that is in me; and also find suc fresh supplies of grace, that I may see my d sires accomplished, and my endeavours brougl to good effect: and so rejoice in the Lor and glory in thy holy name, through Jesu Christ, our Strength and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sincerity.

O MY Lord, the only wise God, whos understanding is infinite, and from whon no thought can be withholden! Thou fille the whole world with thy presence, and ha all things ever naked and open before thin eyes. Thou that teachest man all his know ledge, shalt not thou know? O Lord, tho searchest the heart, and hast even the secrete of our sins in the light of thy countenance; an thou chiefly callest for our hearts, and require truth in the inward parts, and wilt bring eve work into judgment, and every secret thin whether good or evil. My God, I acknow ledge and bewail here before thee, the gui and deceitfulness of my heart: that I have bee so unmindful of thy all-seeing eye, ever inte upon me: and that I have made so bold wi thy glorious Majesty, still present with me: for which I confess, O Lord, thou mighte long since have cut me off, and appointed n my portion with hypocrites. But, as thou ha spared me, so humble me, I beseech thee, ar

pardon me, for all such hypocrisy and treacherous dealing, whereof I have been guilty. And thou that speakest to the heart, and canst order it even as thou wilt, O make my heart right with God, and without any allowed guile in thy sight; so sound in thy statutes, that I may not be ashamed, nor be found wanting of what I profess myself to be, when thou shalt come to take an account of me.

O let thy all-seeing eye, and not the eye of the world, be the star to steer my course by: and let thy blessed favour, more than the liking of any sinful men, be ever my study and delight. Search me, O God, and try me; and whatever unpardoned guilt, or unrepented wickedness; whatever unknown error, or countenanced lust lies in my soul, O help me to see it, and of thy mercy deliver me from it; and let me not regard iniquity in my heart, and let no presumptuous sins have dominion over me. Let me not allow myself in any ways of wickedness, nor go on in formality and hypocrisy to serve thee, but walk before thee with an upright heart, and do all sincerely and heartily as to the Lord. O let me not be only almost, but altogether a Christian; obeying from the heart all thy will delivered to us, to be done by us; and not so much concerned to seem religious and good, as such to be in deed and truth. Make me willing to part with the dearest sins, and to perform the hardest duties, for the sake of the Lord, who parted with the highest glory, and underwent the sorest misery, for the sake of my soul. O make me true to

my own convictions, and faithful in exerti my own endeavours: yea, make me ever je lous over my heart, and conscientious in all n thoughts, and words, and ways. That I m not go self-condemned, for walking in disgu and only shewing to be what I am not; th my praise may not be of men, but of God; a that I may have continual rejoicing in the t timony of conscience, and that peace of G which passeth all understanding. O my Fath who seest in secret! let the pleasing of thy h ly will, and the honouring of thy blessed nan and the enjoying of thy gracious favour, be t great end, which I dsign and aim at, in all r actions and undertakings: that thou, the gr and good God, mayest in all things be glc fied by me, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Humility.

O MOST High God, infinitely glorious bove all our expressions or our though Thou sittest on the circle of the earth, and inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; y before thee, all nations are as nothing, a counted to thee less than nothing and vani O what is man, that thou shouldst be so mi ful of him! yea, that he should be so unmi ful of his own vileness and sinfulness, to ex and lift up himself, and to swell with the c ceit of his own worth and excellence! I des O Lord, to humble myself, that I have be no more humble, that I have thought more hi ly of myself than [illegible] to think; and va gloriously [illegible] men, when I c

serve only to be despised, and nothing but confusion is my portion. O thou that resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble, give me the grace of humility, and make me mean and vile in my own eyes, that I may be accepted in thy sight. Make me, Lord, of that number of those poor in spirit, those humble and contrite ones, to whom thou wilt look, and with whom thou wilt dwell.

O set my sins in order before me, and make me to know my transgressions, that I may not flatter myself in my own eyes, but carry it as becomes poor sinful dust and ashes, who deserve to be trodden underfoot, and to be cast out as the off-scouring of all things; taking nothing but shame to myself, and giving all the glory to thee, of whatever is good in me. Great and holy God! make me more studious to be thy favourite than to be so accounted; and better pleased to do my duty than to hear it. Let me not seek glory of men, but the honour that comes of God only. And the more I have received from thee, the more let me ascribe unto thee: and not be proudly opinionated of myself; but give all thanks and glory to thee for any good, wherein thou hast made me to differ, not loving or intending the praise of men, in doing the work of God, but performing all my offices, as one that is indeed, and not only called thy humble servant.

O discover me so to myself, that I may still walk humbly with my God, and be clothed with humility; consider how frail I am as a creature, and how vile as a sinner. Let me

ever detest and dread, and resist the pride that goes before destruction, and so humble myself under thy mighty hands, that thou mayest exalt me in due time. And for all the good I ever performed or enjoyed, not unto me, O Lord, not unto me, but to thy name be all the praise and glory, humbly and heartily acknowledged and rendered, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mindfulness of God's Presence.

O LORD, the infinite, incomprehensible God! thou art the high and holy One who inhabitest eternity and dwellest in the light no man can approach to. And from thy glorious throne in heaven, thou lookest down upon all the inhabitants of the earth; and hast thy eyes in every place, and ponderest all things. Tho' no mortal eye can see thee; no created understanding is able to comprehend thee: yet thou art here and every where present, and now and evermore thou seest us, and understandest our very thoughts afar off, and art thoroughly acquainted with all our ways. Yea, thou art so universally observant, as to be particularly concerned for every person and action in the world. Great God, thou fillest heaven and earth with thy presence, O fill my heart with thy grace, and the mindfulness of thy presence with me.

O that I should ever forget God that made me! the God who quickens every thing that lives; concurs with every thing that moves; and upholds every thing that has a being thro' the whole world! O that I should live so much

)ut thee in the world, in whom I ever live
move, and am! and who hast still been
me, and watchful for good over me all my
Holy God, because I have regarded thee
ore, thou mightest make me sensible of thy
nce, in judgments worthy of thyself. But
ord, in mercy pardon all such my sinful
ct and inadvertance. And as I am ever
sed to thy all-seeing eye, so make me ever
aware of it. And let the remembrance of
presence sway and guide me, in secret and
mpany, at all times, in all places, and in
ny actions: that I may demean myself as
under the awful eyes of the great God of
en and earth, and fear thee above all other
ers; love thee above all other Gods, serve
before all other Lords, and trust in thee
e than in any other refuge.
ea, let me rejoice under the shadow of thy
gs, and herein solace myself, that thou art
y right hand, and ever with me. O let not
remembrance of my Lord be grievous to me
let my meditations of God be sweet, as
as frequent; that delighting myself in the
l, thou mayest give unto me the desires of
heart; and so guide me with thine eye, that
am still manifest, I may also still be ac-
ed in thy blessed sight, through Jesus Christ.
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A Prayer for Tenderness of Heart.

LMIGHTY Lord, the God of all grace,
who speakest to the heart, and it obeys
; and when it is grown callous and hard,

canst make it soft and relenting; and give sigh and sense even to such as are blind and pa feeling! O shew the power of thy heaven grace, in working upon this stupid, insensibl heart of mine, so as to make me know bot the evil of my sins, and the things of my peac And be thou pleased to give me such a sigh of my sins, such humiliation of soul, and bro kenness of heart, as may prepare me for all th promised mercies of God in Jesus Christ. O Father of mercies! punish not my past sins, b leaving me to commit sin with greediness; no ever give me up to such blindness of mind, an hardness of heart, as shall render me senseles and incorrigible. But quicken and awake my dull soul into a lively sense of sin, and tender ness of conscience, and due apprehension of my great and eternal concerns. O make me eve jealous over my heart, and watchful over my ways; continually fearing to offend, and endea vouring to please my God; keeping my hear with all diligence, that it be not hardened thro the deceitfulness of sin; and keeping at that distance which thy holy word teaches us to keep from every evil and accursed thing that is pro voking in thy sight, and destructive to the soul.

O let me not continue in sin, that grace may abound; nor kick against the bowels of mercy, that so long has borne with me, and been so abundantly good to me: but give me, O my God, such a fulness of new life as may beget in me a greater quickness of spiritual sense, and make my conscience quick of feeling, e- *ven as the* apple of my eye; that I may so feel

y sins here, as to prevent my feeling them r ever, when there shall be no remedy. From ırdness of heart, and contempt of thy word ıd commandments, good Lord deliver me. nd give me a heart so soft and tender, as to nite and correct me for ever, even for the ast sinful evil; and to hold me back, not ıly from gross and scandalous offences, but om all that is suspicious, or that has a ten- ency to sin; from the occasion of falling, and l appearances of evil. O let me so observe ee, with a child-like tenderness, and awful gard, all the days of my life, that I may not avishly dread thee, so as to be consumed with rrors in the great day of thy wrath, but may ien receive the blessed portion of thy children, ho lived still looking and preparing for the oming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Fear of God.

O LORD, the great and dreadful God, in whose hands is my time, at whose mercy my soul, and all that concerns me, both here ıd for ever. Thou, even thou, art to be ared; and who may stand in thy sight when ıce thou art angry! The fear of the Lord is e beginning of wisdom; and happy is the an that feareth always! But to harden our arts against thy fear, is not only folly and ıpiety, but madness and ruin. I am afraid, Lord, because I have feared thee no more, ıd have made so bold with thy glorious Ma- sty, and with thy holy laws; who canst, henever thou pleasest, avenge thee of thy

adversaries, and kill and cast sinners into hell, that I have been so fearless in the ways of sin, where I should not have dared to be seen, and so timorous in the cause of God, where I should not have feared the face of any man. O absolve me, I beseech thee, good Lord, from all such guilt that lies upon me, and put thy fear into my heart, that I may never experience what a fearful thing it is to fall into thy hands. O incite my heart to fear thy name; and let thy fear be ever before my eyes, to restrain me from the evil of my ways! O let me so stand in awe of thee, that I may not dare to provoke thee. Let me not be so much afraid of any man that shall die, as of the Almighty ever-living God; nor so fear any loss or suffering that can but take away a temporal good, as I fear the sin and wickedness that would deprive me of the good everlasting. O let me fear the Lord, and depart from evil; and have my God in such regard, that I may not offer wilfully to violate thy holy laws, but fear to dishonour thy name, or to rebel against thy word, or to res short of what thou requirest at my hand. And O that my fear may not only keep under some of my sins, but regulate my whole life, and sway my very heart, that I may do thy will entirely from the heart, and go on to respect holiness in the fear of God.

May I fear thy name, and not blaspheme it fear thy wrath, and not provoke it; fear thy word, and not despise it; fear thy goodness and not abuse it; fear thy omniscience, and *not* make bold with secret sins; fear thy om

nipotence, and not strive with my Maker in any case. And give me, O my God, the right mixture of fear and faith, to keep me in an even temper, between presuming and despairing, that no crosses or evils coming upon me, may ever make my faith to fail, or sink me down into such consternations as to unfit me for my duty; and that no successes and fair prospects of the world's good before me may harden me into a wretched boldness with thee, nor lift me up into wantonness and stubbornness against thee; but that I may keep up an awful regard of thy glorious Majesty, and a dutiful respect to all thy holy commands evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Love of God.

O THOU infinite goodness and love, who art most sweet and amiable in thyself, and most full of invitation, for all thy own glorious excellencies, and unspeakable perfections, and also for thy loving-kindness, and all the wonders of thy mercy and bounty to thy creatures! It is the riches of thy grace to make us capable of thy blessed privilege, to love thee; beyond which the highest angels know no greater bliss: yea, that thou hast not only given us capacities for it, but the greatest obligations engage our hearts to it. Yet, after all the reasons and motives which we have to love our God, O how poor and defective has been my love! yea, in what strangeness and enmity to thee, Lord, have I lived! It is my sin and shame, and misery, to be so listless and

backward to thy love. O my God, I have done foolishly and wickedly in forsaking the fountain of living waters, to hew to myself the broken cisterns, that can hold no water; shutting my heart against the love of my chiefest good, who hast still been doing me good, and laid fresh obligations upon me, with thy renewed favours, every day: and preferring any trifles and vanities of this present time; yea and the satisfaction of my own foolish and hurtful lusts, above thee and thy love, which is better than life.

O good God! be thou pleased to pardon all the defects of my love to thee, and all the excesses of my love to earthly things; and turn my inclinations and affections from all vain objects to thy blessed Self, who art the worthiest of all love: and to conquer all my prejudices and for ever win my heart, O shew thyself to me as a pardoning God; full of compassion, ready to forgive, and willing to save me. Yea make me to know so much of the love wherewith thou hast loved me, that I may make better returns of love to the gracious Giver of all my good. Touch my heart with such a powerful sense of thy loveliness, and thy loving-kindness, that I may experience stronger desires and inclinations after thee, and greater complacence and delight in thee; and may love all other things in comparison of my best and dearest Lord, as if I loved them not.

The Lord direct my heart into the Love of God! and shed and increase thy love in my *heart*, that I may love the Lord my God with

ll my heart, and soul, and mind, and might.) disgrace to me all such tempting things of ıe world as would draw away my love from ıyself; and so discover thyself to my soul, as ıay take my heart; that this heart of mine, hich has been so cold, and dull, and dead to ıy love, may feel its mighty warmth and ɔwer; and from complaining of the want, ay come to rejoice in the abundance of it.— my life, my hope and joy, that hast so much ıd eternally obliged me, give me the grace ıd the power to love thee! Let me be still nging to appear before thee, and delight in e duties that bring me nigh to thee, and that lp me to communion with thee. Increase y love to thy word, and to all the things of y Spirit and grace; and let me take more sa sfaction and pleasure in the light of thy counnance, than in the increase of corn and wine, ıd all the most desired enjoyments of this life. let me not rest in the gifts, forgetting the ɔuntiful Giver of every good thing; but draw ıd join my heart, dear Lord, still nearer to yself, with the cords of love. And, together ith all the enjoyments in the world, O let me joy still more of thee, my God; in the enyment of whom consists all my true life, and ace, and happiness, here and for ever. En ge to thyself, O my Lord, the chief and oicest affections of my heart; and take it, e willing captive of thy love: and help me ll to verify my love of God, by hating evil, d keeping thy commands, and delighting to thy will, O my God. Let the desire of my

soul, the care of my heart, and the end of my life, be to observe and please the to secure my heart, Lord, to thee, that not go a whoring from thee; but may be and grounded in thy love; and throu good help and grace, may keep myself love of God, looking for the mercy of ou Jesus Christ to eternal life. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Hope.

O LORD God of Hope, the blessed F of all our great and glorious expect thou hast promised thy people such bli glory as is not only above all our deserts joy, but above all our very thoughts to co yet it is not too great for thy Almight and thy boundless love to give. And t thou givest so like thyself, and hast ma parations for thy people, answerable own infinite greatness and goodness, th thou art not ashamed to be called thei None has seen, nor can tell or think the which thou, O God, hast laid up for the love thee. But it is good to hope, and wait for the salvation of the Lord. E dark days, and perilous times, that m know adversity, and threaten us still with yet patiently to wait for what we hope, that hides his face from us, cause the li his countenance to break out upon us.

O my God, give me such a hope as m up my head, and strengthen my heart embolden my spirit, against all temptatic discouragements of the present time;

may I never yield to any consternations, so as to destroy my faith and hope, and unfit me for my work and thy service. O give me for a helmet the hope of salvation; that hope which may be as the anchor of my soul, sure and stedfast. O let me hope, and praise thee more and more! and rejoice in the hope that maketh not ashamed: yea, and hold fast the rejoicing of my hope firm to the end.

Though I am sinful and unworthy, yet let me hope in the Lord, with whom is mercy, and plenteous redemption, to redeem his people from all their iniquities. O gracious God, infinitely good! I could have no hope but in thy tender mercies in thy beloved Son, and in thy faithful promises; which do give assurance of pardon and acceptance to all that humbly and believingly apply themselves to thee, in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ. But I beseech thee, O Lord, remember thy word to thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. O seal me with that holy spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance, that I may abound with hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. O let Christ in me be my hope of glory: and having this hope in me, help me to purify myself, as my Lord is pure, that my hopes may be rational and well grounded hopes, to see and enjoy the Lord, and to live in thy kingdom and glory, most blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Charity.

O MOST gracious and merciful Lord our God, who art very goodness and love it-

self; thou hast commanded, that he who loveth thee, should love his brother also! yea, that we should love our neighbour as ourselves.—Father of mercies, forgive me all my sins of uncharitableness; and give me a heart to abound with loving-kindness to all the partakers of my nature, that are the work of thy hands, and sharers in my hope. Let me not despise any for their low estate, nor hate any for their abusive carriage, nor cast off any as reprobate for their scandalous wickedness; but be kindly affectioned unto all; desirous of their holiness and happiness, and contributing what lies in me to to promote it; shewing the mercy which thou knowest I need: and forgiving others as I myself desire to be forgiven; yea, ready to distribute and willing to communicate. As I would be glad to find favour, and receive supply of my own wants, give me, O gracious God, a large heart, and (according to my ability) an open hand, that I may give chearfully and sow plentifully while I have time, doing good unto all men, especially to them that are of the household of faith; yea, loving the opportunities of such well doing; and blessing thy name, who hast so blessed and enabled me and refreshing my own bowels, in making the loins of the poor to bless me.

And O that we may all approve ourselves the disciples of our Lord, by the love we have for one another; and shew that we are passed from death unto life because we love the brethren, and bear the greatest kindness to the children of God; ever esteeming and affecting them a-

bove all; and tendering such as nearest and dearest to us, that are so to thy blessed Self.—O let our love be without dissimulation; not only in word and in tongue, but in deed and in truth; loving one another with a pure heart fervently; loving even the worst, so as to wish them well, and seek their good: and having our delight in the saints that are in the earth, and the righteous that are more excellent than our neighbours! loving them for thy holy image and spirit set upon them: and setting our hearts upon them, because thou art with them, and hast a peculiar favour to them, and with an everlasting love hast loved them.

O Lord of love, keep me from censoriousness, and rash judging of any; that I may think and hope the best of all, which their case will admit; and love every one for his sake who has shewed the greatest love for us all, even our dearest Lord, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Unity.

O God of the spirits of all flesh, who hast made of one blood all nations of men, to dwell on the face of the whole earth! wilt thou make us to agree in mind and affection as we do in nature and constitution, and give to all nations unity, peace, and concord. And as thou hast called the faithful, all throughout the world, into one body, so make the multitude of believers, as once they were, of one heart, and soul. O let not the seamless coat of Christ be torn in pieces; nor thy church rent into

schisms and contending parties, fierce an
ter against one another; but make us one
and unanimous flock, under Jesus Chris
great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. (
a healing plaister to our wounds; and l
those invidious names of sides, and parties,
exasperate be kept up, to give distaste an
judice; but take away from the midst of u
perverse spirit, which makes us a nation
of counsel; and not understanding the thi
our peace, but dashing away ourselves o
gainst another. O God of peace! dispo
hearts to hearken to all peaceable counsel
to comply with all healing designs. And
lay the heats which our dissentions have r
that amidst the variety of apprehensions w
yet keep the unity of spirit in the bond of p
and evidence our relation to the Prince of I
by following after those things that mak
peace.

O Lord, rebuke the storms of our anir
and debates; and say to those winds and w
peace, be still; and they will obey the
wilt thou heal our breaches, and give u
the true peace with God, as the foundati
a strong and lasting peace with one anoth
O that the uniting spirit of Jesus Chris
so far prevail upon us, as to draw and k
together in the blessed communion of thy s
that we may with combined wills and int
as one man, put forth ourselves to advan
glory of thy name, the public good, an
common salvation of all our souls, throug
rich mercy to us in our blessed Peace-m
Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Meekness and Peaceableness.

ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinmen! wilt thou be pleased to regulate my rbitant passions, and suppress in me that de from whence cometh contention; and it down every rebellious motion that exalts lf against peace and patience, and gentleis and meekness of spirit! O help me to put ay all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and mour, and evil speaking, with all malice. id however I am tempted and provoked, O t I may possess my soul in patience, and not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with od: and enable us O God of patience, to ir one another's burdens, and to forbear each ier in love, that we may not contend but for th in Christ; nor strive but to enter in at the ait gate; nor provoke one another, but unlove and good works.

O if thou, the great God, shouldst enter into gment with me, and break out in fury upon , as I have been ready to take fire at affronts, l to fall with rage upon my antagonists, rd, how soon should I be consumed, and k under the sadest misery, past recovery.— may I ever dread to be rigid and cruel, who ow the extreme need that I have of mercy! And thou, the God of peace and love, fore me, I beseech thee, all the sins that ever ave committed against peace and love. O the peace of God rule in my heart; and thy

wonderful long-suffering of me be ever a
gagement upon me to shew all meekness
men; and bear the ignorance and weal
the follies and mistakes, the wrongs ar
dignities of my fellow-creatures; seeing
self am undone, without the forbearan
God, and have nothing to hope for, and
fort myself in, but in the finding of such f
at thy hands.

O teach and help us all to live in peace
to love in truth, to follow peace with all
and walking in love as Christ loved us,
we may be united and knit together as f
members of the same body, whereof he
glorious head; who, though extremely wr
and provoked, yet did not cry, nor lift u
cause his voice to be heard in the street
let me learn such meekness and lowlin
heart, that in him I may find rest to my
O my God, suppress all bitter resentme
my mind; and let the law of kindness be
tongue, and a meek and quiet spirit sh
itself in all the conduct of my life. And,
make us all so gentle and peaceable, an
to be intreated, and hard to be provoked
we may be followers of God, as dear chi
and that thou, the God of peace, maye
with us, and delight to dwell amongst u
rejoice over us to do us good, for thy m
sake in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer under Abuses and Provocatio

O MOST high and wise, holy and rig
Judge of all the earth, the great A

id Lover of peace and truth; thou knowest
y foolishness, and my sins are not hid from
iee. How far I have been accessary to pull
own these troubles and mischiefs upon my
wn head, and how much worse than any of
ese I deserve at thy hands, is all naked and
pen to thine eyes. I submit, Lord, to thy
orrection, who dost often use such instruments
f thy displeasure. And O that the ill-will of
ien may quicken me the more to examine
yself for that which is offensive in thy sight;
nd make me more careful to have my heart
ight with God, and to ingratiate myself with
eaven, which will more than recompense for
he loss of any one's favour in the world.

But seeing my heart condemns me not in the
resent case, for being the cause of this wrath
nd clamour, and malice, and vengeance; and
erein I apprehend myself now to suffer wrong-
ully, being slanderously reported, falsely ac-
used, shamefully and despitefully used, and
ated without a cause: I take the boldness to
our out my complaint before thee, O God,
nd to shelter myself under the shadow of thy
'ings. Plead my cause, O Lord, with them
iat strive with me; and save me from those
iat rise up against me. Though for my love
iey are my adversaries, let me give myself to
rayer, and not avenge myself, but give place
nto wrath, and commit my cause unto thee,
vho judgest righteously. O convince my ad-
ersaries of the error they are in, and turn them
rom the ill way they are upon; and the re-
nainder of their wrath, O do thou restrain,

and here make me a way to escape, as thou hast so often been my help.

I confess, O Lord, thou mightest justly use them to provoke me as thy scourge to chastise me for provoking thee: and I know not but such now may be thy pleasure. O help me then patiently to bear the indignation of the Lord God of Heaven, because I have so greatly sinned against thee: and however I am persued and struck at, O let me not render evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing; considering him that endured so great contradiction of sinners against himself, that I be not wearied and faint in my mind. If the man after thy own heart had so many bitter implacable enemies, that not only traduced his name, but sought his life; if thy holy apostle was called a babble and troubler of the world and a pestilent fellow, not fit to live: yea, if the Son of thy eternal love had the report of a wine bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners, a deceiver of the people, and a dealer with the devil; if he that deserved so well of men, fare so ill at their hands; if he that did no sin was persecuted as if he had been the chief of sinners; if he suffered so much evil, who never deserved any, O why should such an unworthy sinful wretch as I, to whom belongs confusion of face, and the worst punishment, so heinously resent it as unsufferable, to be set at nought and but to endure the correction of my own wickedness! Though I deserve it not from them, yet, O how much worse do I deserve from thy heavenly Majesty, offended by my

, who mayest justly pay me by their hands.
men then say or do what they can against
O let me be as a deaf man that heareth
and as a dumb man that openeth not his
ıth; little regarding the anger of man, if I
be happy in the favor of my God. O Lord,
p back thy servant from giving any just
ıocation, and let me not suffer as an evil-
r, nor let the woe be to me, because of-
:e cometh by me; and then, when perse-
:d for righteousness sake, I shall rejoice and
s thy name, and give thee thanks and praise
all thy grace and goodness to me in Jesus
ist. *Amen.*

A Prayer under Infamy and Disgrace.

) LORD, righteousness belongs to thee,
but to me confusion of face, as it is this
. Shame is the portion of my sins, and I
:rve no better than to be slighted and de-
ed myself, who have so slighted thy laws,
despised the glorious Majesty of heaven.—
had been innocent, I might have been
fident to lift up my face without spot; but
: is me that I have sinned, to make myself
, and fit only to be trampled on. As far
am obnoxious and guilty, I take shame to
elf, as the reward of my folly and wicked-
. And O that I may so feel it here, that
ay not hereafter awake to shame and ever-
ng contempt. And let not any that wait
thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for
sake: yea, where I suffer wrongfully, yet
d help me to take it patiently. Though I

am reproached for the name of Christ, ar
secuted for righteousness sake, let me not
under the censures and scorns of men, i
but find acceptance and favour in thy si
Seeing it is not men's applause or reproa
can make us happy or miserable, tho' w
their good opinion and commendation,
never the better when out with heaver
though we have lost ourselves with the
are never the worse when we approve ou
to him that searches our hearts. Thy
O Lord, give us encouragement, suffe
Christians, that we should not be asham
glorify thy name on this behalf. Thy A
who were made as the filth of the worl
the off-scouring of all things, rejoiced th
were counted worthy to suffer shame
name of Jesus. Though I pass throu
report, as well as good, O what a smal
it is to be judged of man! and if thou, m
wilt have me to be low in the world, ye
a hissing and proverb of reproach in the
let me bear thy indignation, and submi
correction: not so much concerned for
grace, as to remove the cause; and b
careful and diligent to please the Lord,
seek the honour that is God.

If men speak evil of what they und
not, and perverse scoffers, walking aft
own lusts, oppose and deride me, con
ing and blaspheming thy truths, O let
holy religion ever sink in my thoughts
of their hard speeches, or course usag
looking unto Jesus, the Sun of Righte

at once lay under clouds, the Lord of glory' ho bore such reproach and infamy, who heard l from the world, though he never did evil in is life; and was despised and rejected of men, ough he deserved so much better than ever ny did from them; let me little regard what ames they call any of his household, who can all the master of the house as bad. But may still follow my blessed Saviour, in meekness nd patience; having my eyes and dependence pon the great Author and Finisher of our faith; ho, first despising, and then surmounting the ame, art now set down at the right hand of e Majesty on high: and from thence shall ome in greatest glory to judge the world;— hose name be ever blessed, world without nd. *Amen.*

A Prayer for our Enemies.

O LORD of Love, the Prince of peace, thou hast told us, that thou camest to send a word and fire upon earth, and that it must be at offences come. Even the best of men, in assing through this tumultuous world, are of-n jostled and evil entreated. And if it be the t of thy own holy followers to have hatred d tribulation in the world, O what am I, vile nner, that I should look to be exempted from is common portion! such as I have made my nemies, by my folly and miscarriage, Lord ıcline and enable me to appease and gain them d so direct my ways to please thee, that thou ayest make them be at peace with me. Such are my enemies wrongfully, Lord lay not

this sin to their charge, but forgive them, and open their eyes, and pacify their minds, and turn their hearts, that they may see their error, and first be reconciled to God, and then live with their brethren in unity and godly love; and that, at last, I may meet them in the arms of Jesus Christ; and those that will not cease from hating, Lord prevent them from hurting me; or, though they do me hurt, let me endeavour to do them good; and not hate, but love my enemies, for thy sake, who hast commanded us to love them; and who didst express the highest love to us in dying for us, even when we were thy enemies. Let me consider them as thy rod, and the staff of thy indignation, in all that I suffer from them, that instead of striving to avenge myself, I may submit to thy hand.

O good Lord! mortify in all of us the carnal mind, that is enmity against God, and those lusts that war in our members, from whence come wars and fightings amongst us. Turn all our enmity against the common enemies of our souls; and join all our hearts to thee, in thy true fear and love, that we may not meditate revenge, but study to be quiet; nor foment and pursue our quarrels, but follow after the things that make for our peace; and with one mind, and with one mouth, glorify our God, through Jesus Christ.

A Prayer under Crosses and Disappointments in our Affairs

O MY LORD! I live by thee, and do continually depend upon thee, for life and

ıth, and all things. Thy providence has
ointed my station, and disposes whatever
cerns me in the world; if not so much as
arrow falls down to the ground without thee,
the very hairs of our heads are numbered,
ı canst not be unconcerned in the changes
accidents that befal thy servants; and what-
instruments and occasions have been in the
', it is thy pleasure that so it should be with

Restain me, therefore, O Lord, from fret-
myself to do evil. Help me to take up my
s, and follow my meek and lowly Saviour
ıelf-denial and quiet submission to the will
ıy heavenly Father.

) who am I, sinful wretch, who have so
:h displeased thee, that I should never be
sed, nor have any thing to trouble me! thy
be done, O Lord, how much soever it go
ınst flesh and blood. Let me ever design
glory; and endeavour to conform to thy
sure, whether it make for or against me,
ny respects of this life. O that I may learn
dience by the things that I suffer! that I
not be worse, but better in my spiritual
cerns, for these rubs and disappointments
natters of the world. O that the adverse
gs which interrupt and trouble me in my
gns and enterprizes here, may turn all to the
y of thy name, and to the furtherance of my
ıfortable accounts in the hour of death, and
ıe great day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *A-*
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A Prayer under Losses and Damage Goods and Estate.

BLESSED Lord! thou art the great etor and owner of whatever we h enjoy: the world is thine, and the fulnes of: thou givest, and thou takest away: be thy name in all. Thou hast made m bound in many things, which others are tute of: and if thou also makest me wan others abound, yet teach me, my Go to be abased, and to suffer need, as well to abound: and in whatsoever state I am, with to be content. Seeing all these come alike to all, and no one knows hatred, by what is here before him. it will profit a man nothing to gain the world and lose his own soul, so all the l the world cannot undo him, whose soul in thy hands. O let me not grieve, th as if I were undone, for what I have lo cheerfully commit myself to thee, to cho inheritance for me; and be least of all c ed for my worldly portion, so that I m see the joy of thy salvation. Lord repai these damages, an infinitely better way, thy own fulness, with the more precious that accompany salvation; that I may thy holy servants of old, who took joyfu spoiling of their goods, as knowing th had in heaven a better, and an enduri stance. O make me now the more so and industrious to lay up my treasure in h when I see how little any thing is to be

. in here on earth. O let me look less upon ese temporal things that are seen, and be ost of all concerned, that I lose not the bless- things eternal, but provide so well for my il, and be so rich towards God, that when here shall fail me, thou mayest never fail ; but be the strength of my heart, and my rtion for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer under Confinement and Loss of Liberty.

) LORD my God, infinitely kind and good! I have through thy gracious indulgence g enjoyed my freedom in the world; and en permitted to go in and out, whither I uld, at my pleasure; but now that I am un- restraint, and confined to this place, O how ch sorer affliction ought I with patience to lure for turning my liberty into licentious- s, and flying out as I have done, into wild esses and disorders, to wander from thee, l weary myself in the ways of wickedness! is confinement I acknowledge to be but the y correction of my extravagance, who de- ve to be shut up in the eternal prison, from ence there is no redemption; but for thy r Son, my blessed Saviour's sake, I beg, rd, that this restraint may not be in judgment, in mercy to me, that it may bring me to consideration and repentance of all those ious liberties which I have taken, to live af- my own foolish and hurtful lusts; and that nay remove me out of the way of such temp- ons and opportunities of sinning against

thee, and engaging me more closely dutif
attend upon thee, that in thy service I m
a better freedom than the freedom which
lost; having free access into thy presenc
boldness at the throne of grace, and deliv
from the bondage of my sins, and pc
tread down the enemies of my soul, and t
them under, that have reigned over me.

O that I may now be crucified to the
as well as sequestred from it, that I n
be turned off with regret and a heavy
but may leave it in affection, as I am nc
out from its conversation; that I may i
and mind ascend and dwell above, ar
my conversation in heaven, and such fell
with thee my God and Saviour, whicl
infinitely prefer above all the society enjo
of the world. If the Son of God shal
me free, I shall be free indeed. O br
soul out of prison, the horrible pit of
and fears, that I may not there be kept
rance to the judgment of the great day
will then praise thy name, let my body
up in ever so narrow a compass. O set
in such a large room, my affections at
to enjoy thy infinite Self, and to expatiat
heavenly kingdom, that is boundless an
lasting; and make me a fellow-citizen v
saints, and of the household of God; a
though I lie in a jail, and in a grave, ye
be a prisoner of hope, looking for that
hope to be delivered from the bondage
ruption, into the glorious liberties of t
dren of God; even for his sake, who fc

as apprehended, confined, and put to death, id laid in the grave, and now liveth and reign- h with thy eternal Self, and holy Spirit, over l, God blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

Prayer under sad Accidents and Disasters falling on the Body.

O LORD, Most High! the all disposing God! thou hast taught us, that affliction ises not out of the dust, nor comes by chance ithout thy appointment; but is the messenger ispatched on thy errands, who hast an over- uling hand in all these disasters that befal us, vhatever else be the occasion of our hurts: and till thou hast good reason to do as thou dost, hough the reason may be hid from us. I know O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that hou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. O why should a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins! Great God, I humbly submit to thy hand, and will bear the effects of thy displeasure, which I have pulled down upon myself. O my Lord, give me patience, and strength, and grace, proportionable to this great trial; and enable me so to demean myself under it, that after the affliction I may find cause to say, it was good for me to be afflicted. Thou that wast torn and smitten, thou alone art able to heal, and bind up my breaches: O wilt thou remember me in my low estate, out of that mercy of thine which endures for ever; and help me to find out the cursed things that have provoked thee so to stretch out thy hand upon me. O that I may search and try my

ways, and turn to the Lord, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance; and for his sake who was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities, Lord forgive, and heal my soul that has sinned against thee; and in good time, repair the breaches made upon my body too, if it seem good in thy sight, and make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

If thou wilt, Lord, thou canst make me whole. O may it be thy gracious pleasure to work so wonderfully for me, and glorify thy power and mercy in my help and recovery; or, however thou shalt dispose of this vile body, grant me, O my God, an humble resignation to thy will, and satisfaction with thy dealings, and make this sad dispensation, which is so grievous for the time, gracious in the issue. O make it the messenger of thy love to my soul, and the means of converting and sanctifying it, and preparing it for the Lord, and fitting it to receive all the saving mercies of God, in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Blind Man.

O LORD our God, thou art light, and in thee is no darkness at all; thou hast created the light and the sun, and givest both the power of seeing and objects to be seen. It is a pleasant thing to behold the light; but of that sweet benefit thou hast thought fit to deprive thy servant. O, blessed be thy name, even taking away as well as giving, for thou art wise, and just, and good, in all: every

ing that happens to us is of thy appointment, ord of all, who hast made us, and mayest do hat thou wilt with thy own: yet there is no ighteousness with God; but whatever thou st is meet and right to be done, though many thy providential ways are here in the dark all, as now all thy visible works are darkness thy servant: yea, Lord, thou art gracious in l that thou bringest upon us; and canst bring e greatest good even out of the worst evil at befals us; and thou art infinitely better all thy servants than their eyes, and the things at ever eyes beheld.

Thy servant here desires, with meekness and tience, to submit to thy heavy stroke; and nfesses that thou art just in quenching that ht of his eyes, which he did not use as he ght to thy glory.

But wilt thou, O gracious Lord, in judgment member mercy; and bless to him this thy afcting hand upon him, that it may promote his pentance and peace with God! and may cut f all the occasions of worse stumbling and fallg, than any whereto his present darkness may xpose him; that so many temptations, which ter in at the eyes, being taken away, he eed from those interruptions and distractions, ay better attend on the Lord, and be more tent upon the concerns of the soul; and more rious and exact in looking inward to those ings which are between God and his heart; ad in pressing after a better light than that hich thou hast taken from him.

Lord, as thou hast shown thy sovereignty

and justice in taking away his sight, so
work of power and mercy be made m
both in ministering comforts to him, an
bling him contentedly and cheerfully t
up under the loss; and also making i
him so much a better way, that he m
gainer by it in his spiritual affairs, an
pertains to his everlasting bliss. O goo
bring him out of sinful darkness into th
vellous light, that he may be light in the
though he want the light of this world.

O thou Father of lights, enlighten th
of his understanding, that he may see
the hope of thy calling, and what the ri
the glory of thy inheritance in the saint
what the mighty power of thy spirit,
works in them that do believe. Now
cannot behold the temporal things, O
may be more earnest in looking after the
things which are eternal, in looking to
and minding the things of his peace, a
dying the mysteries of salvation, and th
ders of thy love, and the glories of th
dom. O thou Giver of all grace; give h
eye of faith, and spiritual discerning,
him that is invisible, whom no mortal ey
seen, or can see. Gracious Lord, discov
self still more to him, and reveal thy
him, and teach and guide him, and en
him with thoughts and considerations pe
to his condition; and let thy good Spiri
counsellor and comforter, still abide i
and bring to his mind and work upon his
all things that shall make for his edificati

ıcourrgement in thy holy ways; have com-
ıssion upon him, O Lord, and be gracious
ıd kind to him, and do all that thou knowest
:edful and good for him, and lead him, and
lp him on continually, till in thy light he shall
e light, and have his eyes opened at the last,
see the splendour of thy kingdom, and all
e joy of thy salvation; yea to see thy glorious
ce, to see thee as thou art, and to know as he
known in that heavenly presence of thine,
here is fulness of joy; there to be ever with
e Lord, and to enjoy thy sight and love, and
essed Self, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer under grievous Pains.

) LORD, thou art a merciful God, and
dost not afflict willingly, nor grieve the
ildren of men but when the necessity of our
se calls for sharp applications; thou chastisest
for our profit, that we may be partakers of
y bliss. O that it may be in such mercy to the
ul of thy servant, that thy hand is so hard
ıon him at present: now that thou hast cast
m into the furnace, O that it may be a mean
purge out his dross, and to fit him for thy ac-
ptable use and service. O that he may learn
ch things in the school of affliction as may
and him in stead, and do him good for ever.
But thou, O God of consolation, who know-
it our frame, and how little it is that we can
ıdure, though it be so much that we deserve,
: pleased to remember him in mercy; and
ake his sufferings less, or thy grace in him,
d his patience and spiritual strength greater

than all his sufferings. O take the load or lighten it to him, or enable him to be thou art pleased to lay upon him. L his desires are before thee, and his gro not hid from thee. O regard his afflictic thou hearest his cry; and enter not in ment with him according to the dese sins; but according to thy mercy re thou him, for thy goodness sake in Jesu O gracious Father, sanctify to him wl hast laid upon him, that the present s may have a comfortable issue, and wor spiritual and eternal good; and the L port, and bear him up under it, and br safe and happily out of it, to the glo name; and however thou shalt deal w O good Lord, suppress all his repining dealings, that he may not so sin as tc God foolishly, who never dost the th what is most righteous and fit to be do nothing but what thy servant shall on cause to bless thee for doing: but te help him to glorify God in the time of tation, by his humble submission to t his patient abiding of thy hand, and his reformation under it, that thou mayes with the visitations of thy love, and rest and comfort to him, and shew him th thy salvation, for thy own mercy's sake Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer under dangerous Sickn

O LORD God Almighty, and ever in whom we all ever live, and mo

; we acknowledge it to be of thy mercies we
not consumed, because thy compassions fail
t. If thou had, long before this time, cut us
in our sins, and shut us up under final de-
air of thy mercy, yet righteous hadst thou
en, O Lord; and how justly mightest thou
use to hear us calling upon thee in our prayers,
, as we have so often refused to hear thee
lling upon us by the motions of thy holy spi-
; but thou art God, and not man; and thy
ughts are not as our thoughts, nor thy ways
our ways; but as the heavens are higher than
e earth, so are thy thoughts and thy ways a-
ve our's. Thou art our refuge and strength,
d present help in time of trouble; in which
nes thou hast commanded us to call upon thee
d thou hast promised to hear us, and to give
cause to praise and glorify thee for thy good-
ss and mercy to us.

And now we come to thee, O Lord, cal
ıd, in behalf of this thy servant, that lies here
a low and distressed state under thy chastis-
g hand. Look down, we beseech thee, mer-
ully upon him; and be thou gracious and fa-
urable to him, according to the necessities of
s case, and according to the multitude of thy
nder mercies in Christ Jesus: in as great dan-
r as he is, yet, if thou wilt, O Lord, thou
nst set him up, and make him whole; if thou
lt speak the word, the thing will be done.—
nd in submission to thy most wise and good
sposal of all things, we would beg this mer-
at thy hands, that thou wouldst be pleased
rebuke his distemper, to remove thy stroke,

and cause the bitter cup which thou hast
him to pass away from him, and make l
way to escape out of the affliction that is
him: and to this end, that thou wouldst
to the means proper for his help, and cam
a blessing upon them to promote his rec
Spare him, good Lord, and restore him, i
thy will, that he may have a long time to
out his salvation, and be more useful
place, and do more good in his generatio
however thou shalt be pleased to deal witl
as to the concerns of his body, which we
may be in a way of gentleness and tender
cy; yet, Lord, let his soul be ever preci
thy sight; and may this sickness of his bo
for the health of that immortal better pa
promote his salvation everlasting.

O give him a right discerning of the
belonging to his peace, before they b
from his eyes! Shew him what he has t
and enable him to do it, that he may ha
sound peace with God, through Jesus C
give him the true repentance towards
and the right faith in the only Saviour
world; wash and cleanse his soul wit
blood of thy Son, and the graces of thy
that it may be delivered from all defileme
has contracted in this present evil world,
be found safe and happy in the hour of
and in the great day of our Lord Jesus C
Fit him, O Lord, for living or dying,
ever in thy wise and righteous providence
hast designed for him, that it may be unt
Christ to live, and gain to die; that, in a

ıay find cause to glorify thy name, still exeriencing thy gracious goodness to him in the on of thy love. If thou shalt please yet to lease him from his bed of languishing, to live nger upon earth, O that he may live to thee, ı thy fear, and to thy praise, and do thee etter service, and bring thee greater glory; r, if thou hast determined that his sickness hall be a sickness unto death, and this visitation is last visitation, prepare him, O merciful God, y thy grace, for thy blessed Self; and grant im a safe and comfortable passage out of this vretched life to an infinitely better, through he merits and mediation of thy beloved Son, ur only Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer under lingering Sickness.

O GOOD GOD, thou hast long kept thy servant under thy chastening hand; thou ast made him acquainted with grief, and his ickness is become even his old familiar comanion; yet, O blessed Lord, grant that we may not think it long to wait thy leisure, who art pleased to wait so long for the return of a sinner; and who art very pitiful, and of tender mercy, having kind intentions, even in thy bitter dispensations: yea, chastenest whom thou lovest, and scourgest every son whom thou receivest. Teach him, O gracious Father, to see love in thy rod, as well as justice in all thy dealings, that he may humble himself under thy mighty hand, and also think it good for him to be afflicted, and patiently wait for the Lord, in hope of good out of this evil,

and at last a happy conclusion of the lon
sitation. Blessed be thy name, O Fath
mercies, that thou dost not pour out al
wrath; but in judgment remember merc
make the affliction supportable, giving
ease and relaxation from torturing pains,
mingling many sweet ingredients with
bitter cup. O make him so sensible o
kindness and love, that he may be not
contented, but thankful under thy hand.
Yet, that his faith may not fail, nor h
tience be wearied out, return, O Lord of
at the last, and give thy servant a disc
from his warfare, and say to the afflictior
is enough. Make him glad according t
time wherein thou hast afflicted him,
wherein he has seen so much adversity:
till thou hast been pleased to remembe
in such mercy, O grant that he may n
despise thy chastening, nor faint under t
bukes; but take all as he ought, and er
the time which thou lendest, and improv
affliction which thou continuest, as a gre
opportunity for his soul's advantage; tha
der the decays of the outer man, the inne
be renewed day by day; and all that is
ing in his spiritual concerns may be fille
and whatever pertains to his everlasting
tion promoted and perfected, thro' the
of thy grace, and the multitude of thy m
in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for one that is stupified, or light-headed.

O THOU great Maker and Preserver of all men, who knowest our frame and our ailty, how soon our senses may fail us, and ur understanding depart from us; to what ccidents, distempers, and decays, our weak ature is liable, even such as may make the ost accute and judicious men quickly becom: s a child, or idiot, and turn all our wisdom nd ingenuity into folly or phrenzy. We are very one of us in thy hands, O Lord, to be sed as thou wilt, to have our speech and sense, ea, our very breath and life taken away when hou pleasest. Thou art righteous in all that omes upon us, and who shall say unto thee, What dost thou? Yet, even in chastising and orrecting, thou keepest a measure, and dost ot forget thy mercy and compassion, nor rivest us away from the throne of grace; but iddest us call upon thee in our troubles, and rt still attentive to the prayers of thy servants; ea, waitest to be gracious, and wilt not let hem seek thy face in vain. Hear us, O Fa-her of mercies, we beseech thee, and let thy nercy now be shewed to thy poor, weak, dis-empered servant, according to the exigence of he case, in the time of his need. Thou, O God all sufficient, who createst faculties, canst is easily restore them, and give light and un-lerstanding even to the simple, and scatter all he clouds, and supply and rectify every thing hat is defective and amiss. O that thou

wouldest be pleased to shew thyself so
ously and powerfully in the present case
repair the breaches made upon thy ser
and give him sense and apprehension suf
to discern the state of his soul, and to s
things of his peace.

Thou, Lord Almighty, who didst con
the light to shine out of darkness, and
bringest order or beauty even out of con
and deformity, canst lighten the darkest
inform the weakest head, and regula
wisest imagination; yea, thou canst spe
mediately to the heart, and incline and
it to thyself; and canst convey instructio
all suitable relief, where the doors are sh
against us. O God of all power and
wilt thou speak to the soul of thy serva
that it may observe thy voice, and seiz
precious jewel for thy own, that it may l
in thy hands. Lord, direct and quicken
and assist him, where we cannot; and
great work of grace, worthy of the w
working God, to effect salvation for h
thy own Self, in the failure of outward
and applications.

O have pity upon his infirmities, a
merciful to his mistakes and failings, hi
ings and follies; give him, gracious G
broken penitent heart, and a believing v
mind; and then accept him in thy b
Son, according to what he hath: and,
rich grace, make him an heir of
everlasting kingdom, where all the sh
being vanished and gone, he may see fi

y light, and joyfully give thee praise and ory to all eternity. Be gracious, O good ord, and indulgent to him; and do all that ou knowest to be needful and good for him, rough the mediation, and for the merits, of m who took part of our flesh and blood, that might be touched with the feeling of our firmities: and to thy mercy, in that of our erciful and faithful High Priest, we commit is infirm member of this mystical body, beeching thee, O blessed Lord our God, to ew thyself unto him a compassionate and ader Father, in the same Jesus Christ, our ly Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a sick Child.

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, the only Giver and Preserver of life in every living ul; the smallest, as well as the greatest, are y work and thy care; and neither without e compass of thy providence, nor below the otice and regard of our Heavenly Father, who ough so great above all, yet despiseth not ly. O dear Lord, let thy thoughts be full of ty and tender mercy to this poor sick child, r whose affliction we are now concerned; id send him that relief and comfort from ow which none of us are able to give: either ghten the load, or increase the strength to ar it: and deal gently and graciously with m, good Lord, beyond what we are worthy ask at thy hands, even for thy own goodness id mercy's sake. Spare him, O Father of ercies, and grant him ease and relief from

his trouble; yea, make haste to deliver we beseech thee: and, in submission t will, we beg the recovery of his health, the continuance of his life, to be spent fear, and to thy praise, that he may co to do thee service, and bring thee glory days upon earth; but, forasmuch as ch themselves, who are shapen in iniquity conceived in sin, and therefore subject to which reigns even over them that have n ned, after the similitude of Adam's tran sion, if thou art pleased, Lord, to take h way so early, O let it be in mercy, an pare him then so far for thyself, that it m to him the greatest gain to die; that he m only be delivered from the miseries and d of this world, and that to come, but, l quickest improvement, may be perfect in l ledge and grace, and made ripe and rea heaven and eternal glory, through the i satisfaction and merits of thy beloved So compassionate Saviour, who so kindly en ed and blessed young children, and eve at thy right hand, to intercede for youn old; the only prevailing Advocate for us And to thy mercy in him, O most gr God, we commend this afflicted child, be ing thee to deal well by him, and be goo kind to him;—and out of the riches grace, to provide and do abundantly, a knowest best for him, in life and death for evermore. *Amen.*

Prayer for a Dying Man, past Hope of Recovery.

THOU Hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble! When all other hope help fails, yet it is not in vain to seek unto for succour, who canst bring back from mouth of the grave, and quicken the very l; and where thou art not pleased any fur- to quicken the mortal life, yet canst de- from eternal death, and bring safe to the sed life everlasting: for the sake of which troubles or death should be thought too h to be endured, if by any means we may in to the joyful resurrection of the dead, get safe to the heavenly Canaan, the land ie truly living, where death itself is swal- ed up of life, and thy saints are above the ger of dying any more, and live full of joy verlasting ages.

Ve think it too late to beg the recovery of servant, O Lord, now that he seems to us ig the way of all flesh, and just launching h into his everlasting condition; but though time of his departure appears to be at hand, we cannot think it too late to beg thy mer- or him, as long as his life is in him: and ve cannot choose but be greatly concerned him, so we know not how better to express our concern for him, than in beseeching to be good and gracious to him.

) Lord our God, leave him not, nor forsake , but support and assist him now in his st extremities,—in his last agonies,—when

he is to conflict with the king of terrors; le him find the most sweet and seasonable aid from the Almighty God of his salvation, an take him not out of this life till thou hast fitte him for a better. O thou ever-living God stand by him in the dying hour, and secure him in thy hands from the daily enemies of his soul, and finish all that is wanting of the work of thy grace upon his heart; freely and fully pardon, and deliver him from all his sins, and accomplish him to appear with comfort and rejoicing in thy blessed presence. O make his departure easy, and full of peace and hope; carry him safe through the dark passage upon which he is entering, and let him find it the gate of glory, and a door opened into the everlasting kingdom and joy of his Lord.

Into thy hands, Lord, we commend his spirit: O thou Father of mercies, be merciful to him, and receive his departing soul; and when he is numbered among the dead, let him be also numbered among the redeemed and blessed of the Lord, for his sake who himself died for sinners, and rose again, and lives, and is alive for evermore, and has the keys of death and of hell. To thy mercy, in that blessed Saviour of the world, O most merciful Father, we now humbly recommend him, beseeching thee to be all in all to him, and infinitely better than we are worthy or able to ask for him; and let him be thine in life and death, and for evermore; through the all-sufficient merit and mediation of thy dear Son, our most prevailing Advocate and Redeemer, JESUS CHRIST.—*Amen.*

Prayer upon the News of another's Death

O LORD, the ever-living and all-disposing God, in whose hand our breath is, and whose call we must all be gone out of this orld, and our place here will be no more ind! O, what is man, every man living, en at his best estate, but altogether vanity! hat man is he that liveth, and shall not see ath? The great and the mean, the wise d the foolish, good and bad, all yield up the ost, and go down to the grave. Thou art eased, O my God, to give me the advantage seeing many, my neighbours and acquaintce, taken away to their long home before e, and leavest me yet standing the living onument of thy goodness, with these opportnities to appear before thee, in that day of ace, which, through the forbearance of my od, is yet over me. O what am I better an all my fathers and brethren, that I should exempted from the common portion of all en living, when it is appointed to all men ice to die; and I am as sure of my own dying if I were already dead! O let me not be as ie brutes that have no understanding, without indfulness of my mortality, or consideration f my latter end; but in the death of others t me see, as in a glass, my own frail and unrtain state in the present world; how slipry is my standing, and how soon I must llow all the vast multitudes that are gone fore me out of this land of the living. O let e make full account of it, and so live as one

that surely expects to die; that when my turn shall come, I may not go off with a heart, but depart in peace, and sleep in, having my soul safe in thy hands, and my resting in hopes of gloriously rising at th day: through him who is the resurrectio the life, our blessed Saviour and Rede JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

A Prayer upon the Death of our dear Fri

GREAT God, the Lord of all, thou whatsoever thou pleasest in heave in earth; and who may call in questio thing which thou dost! Thou givest and away, raisest and dashest our hopes, k and destroyest our comforts, and thou ar and righteous, and good in all. It is ju should be deprived of the enjoyments we nothing but slight and abuse; yea, good for us to have those things taken fr which our abuses make hurtful to us. B be thy name, then, even when thou away, as well as when thou givest: y Lord, who art justly displeased for our si mercy turn these losses to the advantage soul, and so repair the breaches out of th infinite fulness, that I may find thy own b Self unto me more and better than many, such) friends and comforters. They we the instruments and means of conveyance; the eternal spring and fountain of all who art still the same, and amidst all changes, never changes at all; and what

st demand from me by such means, thou ist more than make out to me another way.) my heavenly Father, take my eyes, and rt, and hope, of such poor dying comforts, l fix them upon the only satisfying good; in enjoyment of which consists all my true , and peace, and bliss. And let the great ptiness, and frequent disappointments that I l in all the comforts of creatures, and all the oyments of the world, teach me more wis- n than to place my affections and dependence on them; and help to disengage and loosen heart from them, and raise up my desires l hopes to the glorious permanent objects so nitely to be preferred before them. O let be more crucified to the world, where is thing but emptiness and frustration, vanity l vexation of spirit! and may I have my nversation more in heaven, where is my ssed Lord, and all his happy followers, of om the world was not worthy, and every ng that the soul of man can want or wish. God of the spirits of all flesh, especially of e just made perfect, help me so to follow thy vants, my friends departed in the Lord, that with them, may attain at last to live in the ght and presence, in the love and praises, d in the fellowship and enjoyment of thee, y God, blessed for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Patience.

) MY God! thou knowest what an evil world we live in, which I help to make ll worse by my sins; and I that have done

so little good, and so much evil, must not look for all good, and no evil at the hands of God. In the world, thou hast told us, we shall have tribulation: and, O that my tribulation may work patience, that I may go away contented with the load thou art pleased to lay upon me, and still possess my soul in patience, however tried by corrections from thy hand, or by injuries from the hands of men; to blame the instrument, or complain of thy providence, under the pressures lying upon me, will but torment and break myself to pieces, and still add to that which I count so grievous to endure.— O let me better provide for my own ease, as well as duty, than so to disquiet myself in vain; and whatever thou dost with me, O Lord, let me be dumb, and not open my mouth to reply or murmer, because it is thy doing. Make me to acquiesce and rest satisfied, even in the bitterest dispensations of thy good providence; contented with such things as I have, and patient in the want of such comforts as I have not: and when nothing but trouble and sorrow is my portion, had I what my sins deserve, O let me not be querulous and forward, forasmuch as thou dealest not with me after my sins, nor rewardest me according to my iniquities; but may I patiently encounter all difficulties and grievances in my passage through this weary, troublesome world, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in my brethren that are in the world; and it is but the common lot of all poor sinful mortals here upon earth. O make me patient to the coming of the Lord;

ıduring all grievous things with a meek and uiet spirit, seeing they are happy that endure: nd such as endure to the end shall be saved.—) my Lord, let no pains or sufferings ever rive me from thee, but rather be a means to ring me nearer to thee; and let the remembrance of the great day of the Lord, and the ternal state of the world to come, work in me contempt of this world, a mortification of my ısts, and patient abiding of the cross; seeing t is of so little consideration what we do enjoy ır endure here for a short season, so that we ıe delivered from the wrath to come, that it nay go well with us for ever. O let me, by ıatient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory, and honour, and immortality; and count ıothing in this world either dear to possess, or ntollerable to suffer, that I may so finish my course with joy, and at the last rest from all my labours and troubles, with the redeemed and blessed of the Lord; which I wait and beg for at thy good hands, O my gracious Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Preparation and Readiness to die.

LORD, what is our life but a vapour that appears for a little time, and then vanisheth away! Even at the longest, how short; and at the strongest, how frail! And when we think ourselves most secure, yet we know not what a day may bring forth, to turn us out of all; nor how soon thou mayest come, before we are aware, to call us to our last account.—

Quickly shall we be as water spilt upo ground, that cannot be gathered up a quickly snatched away from hence, an place here shall know us no more for e Our days, one after another, are spent: and we know not how near to us is ou day, when our bodies shall be laid up i grave, and our souls called to appear tribunal of God, to receive our standing for bliss or woe eternal. Yet, O good how have I lived in this world, as if I never leave it! How unmindful of my end! how improvident of my time! hov less of my soul! how negligent in my ration for my everlasting condition! s thou mayest justly bring my last hour as a upon me, to surprise me in my sins, a unpreparedness to appear before thee. O dear Father of mercies, remember n sins against me; but remember thy own mercies, and thy loving-kindnesses, whic been ever of old. O remember how sh time is, and spare me, that I may reco strength before I go hence, and be no seen! Make me so wise as to understan consider my latter end, and to rememb [myself] the shortness of my time; and me so to number my days, that I may my heart to the true wisdom! Lord, have I to do in this world, but to make for the world to come? O that I m mindful of it, and intent upon it, to fin work before I finish my course!

In the days of my health, and peac

rosperity, O that I may remember and provide
)r the time of trouble, and sickness, and death
hen the world will shrink away from me,
ıd prove utterly unable to support and help
ıe. O let me never allow myself in any coure
f living wherein I would be loth or afraid
) die: but let me see my sins die before me,
ıat they may never rise up against me in judg
ıent, and enable me so to die unto them daily,
ıat I may not die for them eternally. Instruct
ıe, good Lord, and assist me in my great
'ork of preparation for a dying hour, that I
ıay not then be dreadfully surprised, but meet
with courage and comfort. O gracious God,
ıew me how to do it; quicken me into a se-
ous concernment about it, and help me with
)od success to perform it, that I may be fitted
)r heaven ere I leave this earth, and have the
)und peace with God, through Jesus Christ,
efore I depart hence into the state where I
ıust abide for ever. O, my Lord, make me
) ready to meet thee at thy coming, that thy
)ming may be the matter of my hopes, and
:sires, and joyful expectations, that I may love
ıe appearance of Christ, who is my life, and
ng for that blessed time when thou wilt put
ı everlasting period to all my sins, and trou-
es, and temptations here, and exchange my
'esent being in the body, to be ever with the
ord. O my strength, help me so to live, as,
the hour of death, I shall wish that I had liv-
l, and so make ready for death all my days,
at at my last day I may have nothing to do
ıt to die, and cheerfully resign my spirit into

thy gracious hands, O my Father, and fi
merciful admission to thy favour, and tc
kingdom, for the sake of my only Saviour
Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer in public Commotions and Dis
tions.

ALMIGHTY Lord, the righteous Go
thy judgments are in all the earth; a
is no wonder if this wicked world should b
so a troublesome world, where wars an
mours of wars are abroad, and the swc
making havock among the nations; and th
we have hitherto been kept from such wa
calamities as have swept away multitudes c
brethren, yet thou, for our sins, hast now
ken the kingdom, and made it tremble: C
the breaches of it, for it shaketh. We ha
sanctuary to fly to for refuge, but that mer
thine, O good God, which we have so
and so often abused and despised; nor any
from trouble, but what we seek at thy h
who for our sins art justly displeased. O
that waitest to be gracious, and whose n
endureth forever, have compassion on us,
spare us good Lord; spare thy people w
thou hast redeemed with thy precious b
and still signalised with thy wonderful mer
and turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; c
thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.
make us a way to escape out of those fear
dangers wherein our sins have involved us,
peace may be restored, and the gospel of p
so much mercy continued to us and our p

:y, as long as the world endures. O that we ay learn righteousness by thy judgments, and)t dare to go on in our trespasses and rebelli- ıs against thee, when thou hast a controversy ith us, and art making inquisiton for blood a- ongst us; but let us so turn to thee in the ay of our duty, that thou mayest turn to us in way of living mercy; and seeing this is not ır rest, and little but alarms and commotions ıd one deep calling to another, is to be ex- ected in this uncertain tumultuous world, O ıat we may have our eyes further than the ends the earth, and lift them up to the Lord, from hom cometh our help, and seek the continu- ıg city to come, and lay up our rest and our easure in that kingdom which cannot be mov- d; that we may choose the good part which annot be taken from us, and flee from the rath to come, and have peace in our Lord, nd hope in our death, even the hope of that ternal life, which is thy promise and gift, O lessed God, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer in time of Threatening Danger.

GREAT GOD, holy and just! I am amaz- ed and terrified to think of the dreadful ages which my sins have deserved; fearfulness nd trembling are come upon me, and my pirit is overwhelmed, and my heart fails me or fear, so that I know not what to do; but ıy eyes are upon thee, my great Saviour and ighty Deliverer, to give me that help, which om man it is vain to expect; and at this time ıat I am afraid, I will trust in thee; and un-

der the shadow of thy wings make my r
till these calamities be over-past.

O my Lord, take me to thy fatherl
and thy Almighty protection, and sa
from the hands of my enemies, and from
the evils which I fear to come upon n
dispel the clouds, and turn away the s
and clear up the face of heaven, so bla
now over our heads. Thou, O Lord
knowest how to deliver, and never art a
to effect what thou wilt, command delive
for me, I beseech thee; and be not fa
me when trouble seems nigh to me, l
me find thy help at hand, in this time ar
of my need.

O my God, thou hast been a shelter f
and a strong tower of defence from the e
and though I walk in the midst of troubl
wilt receive me; thou wilt stretch for
hand upon the enemy, and thy right han
save me. O my Saviour, I fly to thee
me: be thou pleased to defend me fron
that rise up against me. Consider the t
I suffer of them that hate me, and lead
thy righteousness, because of my en
make thy way straight before my face.
ver me, O Lord, from the evil and
man, and from my persecutors that are st
than I. O let not any that are my e
wrongfully rejoice over me; but shew m
token for good, that they who hate me n
it, and be ashamed, because thou Lord
holpen and comforted me. O fortify me
that fear of any men which would terri

of my duty to thee, my God; and let me
er be so awed by them as to make bold with
:, and trespass upon thee to escape them,
o ingratiate myself with them. Thou hast
n my help, be thou pleased to come in now
ny succour, and shew thyself graciously and
verfully on my behalf. Do it, Lord, for the
y of thy name, for the merits of thy Son,
for thy own mercy's sake, that I may see
hand, and praise thy power, and admire thy
:, and adore thy grace and goodness, while
ive my being. *Amen.*

A Prayer upon the Remembrance of former Sins.

WHO can understand his errors? who
can call to mind the innumerable offences
ll his life; when, ever since we could do
thing, alas! what have we done, that is
from sin? But, O the heinous offences,
pre umptuous sins, the great transgressions,
ereof I have been guilty, which stare me in
face, and recoil upon my heart, and cast
vn my soul within me, because I have com-
ted them with so many foul aggravating cir-
ıstances against such light and love, means
mercies, calls and warnings, convictions
experiences, and all the sundry and mighty
igations from the Lord which I have had; I am
ered with confusion, O my God, and filled
h bitter remorse, and ghastly fears, as often
I look back upon such blots, and falls, and
ndals of my life. O, if they should rise up
he judgment against me, they could not but

utterly sink and ruin me. But, Lord my God, help me so to remember that thou mayest forget them; so to charge them upon myself, that thou mayest never lay them to my charge; so to keep them before my eyes, to abase and humble my soul, that thou mayest hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities; especially those that are so confounding and terrible to my thought. O let me ever walk humbly before thee, seeing I have so shamefully sinned against thee; and though thou hast kept me from the deserved shame in this world, O let not thy indulgence embolden me to repeat or slight the wickedness; but let this thy goodness, O my God, work in me a more deep and serious repentance.

And thou, Lord Almighty, who alone canst bring good out of evil, be thou pleased to make my past falls an occasion of my surer standing for the future. O embitter the pleasures of sin to me, and hedge up the ways of wickedness, as with briars and thorns, before me, that I may loath as much as ever I have loved the offensive things, and never return again to such folly. O let the flames wherewith I have been scorched, terrify me from being any more concerned; and let the sense and remembrance of all the former offences of my life quicken and awaken me, as into deep repentance for them, and into the more careful circumspection and watchfulness against them, that I may not be so strange to thee, my God, as I have been, but pass the time of my sojourning here in fear, and be more tender, and wary, and *vigilant*, all the days of my life. *Amen, Amen.*

A Prayer under Fears and Doubts of our spiritual Condition.

O LORD my God, I hope thou hast of thy rich mercy changed and renewed me in me measure, and wrought a good work upon e: bring me out of my natural and damnable ndition, into the state of grace and salvation; at yet the carnal nature is so predominant over ie, and many sins so lively and strong in me, ad still I find the good things of thy spirit in much weakness and imperfection upon me; iat the sorrows of my heart are enlarged, and ıy soul is disquieted within me, seeing too fre uent cause to question, whether my spots are he spots of thy children; whether I have known he grace of God in truth, and whether I do ıot deceive myself in reckoning upon that vhich I neither am or have.

Mine eyes are to thee, O God the Lord, eave not my soul destitute. From the ends of he earth will I cry to thee: when my heart is overwhelmed within me, lead me to the rock hat is higher than I. O Lord, rebuke me not n thine anger, neither chasten me in thy sore displeasure. Forsake me not, O my God; be not far from me: make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation. Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low; hear me speedily, my spirit fails. Save me, O God, for the waters are come into my soul; I sink in the deep mire where there is no standing. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name.

O shew me the true state of my soul, make me to know the things that are given of God; and deliver me, gracious from all those offensive matters that pr thee to hide thy face from me, and that up my soul in clouds and darkness, and me so much a stranger to peace and con O grant me a clear discovery of the eviden my calling and election; and seal a comfo assurance of thy blessed love in Christ Je my soul. O thou that didst bid the wind waves, Peace, be still, and they obeyed settle my discomposed mind, and quie troubled breast, and bring me to see the of thy countenance, and the joy of thy salv

O thou that art of power to establish u pleased to establish my heart with grace, let me be rooted and grounded in the faith I may not stagger through unbelief, but the beginning of my confidence stedfast t end. Rejoice the soul of thy servant; for thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: an the joy of the Lord be my strength, to me victorious over my sins, and alwa abound in thy work; never pleased so with any thing as to do the thing pleasi my God, and through Jesus Christ. *Ame*

A Prayer under the Dread of God's Wr and everlasting Damnation.

O LORD, the great and dreadful against whom I have so greatly sin and who for my sins art justly displeased; I consider the holiness of thy laws, and

ctness of thy justice; and when I reflect up-
the heinous and innumerable sins of my
ırt and life, my flesh trembles for fear of thee,
ł I am afraid of thy judgments. O who
.v stand in thy sight when once thou art an-
r? Who can bear up for ever under all the
ls of thy wrath, to the uttermost poured out,
ıen thy mercy shall be clean gone, and thou
ılt cast off, and shew favour no more? Yet,
ɔn that damnation would be my woeful por-
n, which I could no more avoid than abide,
ɔuldest thou, O Lord, enter into judgment
th me, and proceed as thou mightest against
ɔ; I could then hope for no better than to be
prived of all the comforts of this life, and to
: delivered into the bitter pains of eternal
ɔath. But though the wages of my sins be
at death, yet the gift of God is eternal life,
ırough Jesus Christ our Lord. O for his dear
ke, who has satisfied thy justice, and appeased
ıy wrath for all our offences, even thy Son,
ho was delivered up into the hands of sinners,
ıat he might deliver us from the wrath to come,
ıd suffered and died once, that we might not
ıffer and die for ever. O God, the Father of
ɔaven, have mercy upon me, a miserable sin-
ɔr; and from thy wrath, and from everlasting
ɔmnation, good Lord deliver me, and help
ıe in the fear of thee, my God, to flee from the
rath to come, and to rid my hands, and my
ɔart, of every cursed thing that provokes the
ord to kill and cast sinners into hell.

O thou blessed Saviour of the world, save
e from my sins, and from all their dismal ef-

fects, and reconcile me to God, and mak peace, through the blood of thy cross. tookest upon thee our mortal nature, that mightest, through death, destroy him wh the power of death, and deliver them who fear of death, were all their life-time subj bondage. Have compassion, Lord, I be thee, on my infirmities, and suffer me n fall a prey to my own fears; but be sure thy servant, to undertake for all thy heavy s wherein I have run myself in arrears to th tice of heaven; and give me everlasting solation, and good hope, through grace; being justified by faith, O let me have with God, through our Lord Jesus Chr Hide not thy face from me, O my Lord, be like them that go down to the pit; ar vive my soul with the sense of thy love, an hopes of thy full absolution, and everlastin vation, that I may give thee thanks from ground of the heart, and shew with gla what thou hast done for my redeemed soul joyfully sing thy praise, and keep in thy looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus C to eternal life. *Amen.*

A Prayer under strong Temptations.

HOLY God! I desire to humble myself before thee, for that continual pron which is in me to sin against thee; that I so unlike to thee, and so contrary to what holy laws require me to be. After all the things thou hast done for me, alas! how ap I still to spoil and undo myself! The mali

er is laying snares for me everywhere; and
ings of this world are still pressing hard
me, either to terrify me out of my duty,
umour me into my ruin. And O how
is my sinful flesh to side with the cruel
r against my own soul! Innumerable
ave compassed me about; my iniquities
aken hold upon me, so that I am not able
k up: they are more than the hairs of my
therefore my heart fails me. O the sin
ill dwelleth in me, that is so nigh to me,
loes so easily beset me, and is so apt to
l against me, to pull me away from the
ence of thy blessed will, and to engage
forbidden things, displeasing in thy sight,
istructive to my soul! O wretched man
am! who shall deliver me from the body
; death: when the custom of sinning has
creased my sinful inclinations, that the
rd may as soon change his spots, and the
pean his skin, as I who am accustomed
l can (of myself) cease from it, if the
of hosts be not with me; if the God of
) be not my refuge.

t with thee, the Almighty God, all things
ossible; yea, thou canst as easily make us
is bid us be so. To thee the very powers
l are weakness: nothing in the world can
thy will. O pity thy poor tempted crea-
and give me not up, in justice, to a re-
ite sense, and to vile affections, nor to
blindness of mind, and hardness of heart,
ould render me past feeling; nor ever
h my former sins, by giving me over to

their sway and power; but let it be thy gracious pleasure, O Lord, that all my prevailing iniquities may flee and perish at thy presence. O give out the commanding word to those filthy corruptions,—Hitherto shall ye go, and no further. Speak death to my sins, that my soul may live, and for ever bless thy name. Stop and heal the running sores, that they may no more break out, as they have done, to the dishonour of thy name, the wounding of my conscience, and hindering the concerns of my own and others' present peace, and eternal bliss; yea, to sanctify my nature, O Lord, and renew me, even in the spirit of my mind, that my heart may rise against the sinful evils, and that I may hate all iniquity, and every false way; so resisting the devil that I may not conspire with the deadly enemy of souls, to undo myself. O give me power from on high, to set me above the power of my sins; and give me grace sufficient to turn my heart against the love of my sins, that I may not be false in thy covenant, or false to my own chief interest, but manfully fight thy battles, and approve myself thy faithful soldier and servant to my life's end; that being so faithful until death, thou mayest give unto me the crown of life, and take me at last from this warfare to reign with thee, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Chastity.

O GOD of infinite purity, thou hast called us, not to uncleanness, but unto holiness! thou hast commanded us to be holy as thou art

ıy ; and hast promised to none but the pure heart to see and enjoy thee in the beauties holiness, and the joys above. O how shall a polluted wretch, shew myself before thy avenly Majesty, who art perfect purity, and whose sight even heaven itself is not clean. most gracious Lord, look not upon me as I ı in myself, and as I through my sins have ıde myself vile, even in my own eyes: for en thou canst not chuse but abhor my soul, d pour out all thy wrath upon me. But ash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and eanse me from all my sin and guilt in that untain opened for sin and uncleanness, the ecious blood of the Lamb of God, slain to ke away the sins of the world. Lord, if ou wilt, thou canst make me clean! O cre- e a clean heart in me, and say to my sin- filed soul, as thou didst to the leper,—I will, : thou clean,—and I shall be cleansed, and ted now for thy service, and hereafter for thy avenly glory. O my God! cast the unclean irit out of the temple; and if he will not go ıt but by prayer and fasting, let me add such stinence to my prayers as may help to starve e fleshly lusts that war against my soul: and y any means help me, my Strength and Re- emer, to possess my vessel in sanctification ıd honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, those that know not God. Holy Lord, ıase away the birds of prey that would devour y sacrifice; and drive out these unclean beasts at would trample down the plantation of thy ace in my soul. O let me not live after the

flesh: let me hate the very garment spotted with it; and not without detestation once name the filthy lusts. Help me, my God, to avoid every occasion of falling, and to abstain from all appearance of evil, and so to delight in purity, and to keep myself from all iniquity, that I may lead the noble spiritual life as becomes the child of my heavenly Father, and not grieve thy Holy Spirit, O God; but be pleasing in thy blessed sight, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Mortification of all fleshly Lusts.

I HAVE vowed and promised unto thee, my God, to renounce all the sinful lusts of the flesh, and am devoted as holy to the Lord; that having put on Jesus Christ, I should not make provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lust thereof, but cleanse myself from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. But though I have some delight in the law of God, after the inner man, yet I find another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, bringing me into captivity to the law of sin, which is in my members; and this I acknowledge and bewail to thee, O Lord Almighty, who alone canst set me free from the lusts that are too hard upon me. O help me, Lord God of my salvation, against the power of these prevailing iniquities, and purge away all my sins, for the glory of thy name: may the time past of my life suffice to have served my own lusts and pleasures. O

t sin any longer reign in my mortal body,
should obey it in the lusts thereof; but
ne, Lord, to cut off the right hand, and
ck out the right eye, to keep under my
and to bring it into subjection, that I
ıave the mastery over my lusts, and over-
the sins that have so often overcome me.
rtify and destroy in me every rebellious
n, and every vicious inclination that ex-
ɜelf against the gospel and government of
: Jesus; that gives satan advantage over
ınd hinders my Saviour from reigning as a
supreme in my heart.

serve me, O Lord Most Holy, from all
sinful pleasures that would make me fall
of the heavenly pleasures which are at
ght hand for evermore. O let me not
ı sensual life, minding the things of the
ıs if they were the only esteemed and
ɜd things; but make me so spiritually
ɜd, that I may above all things savour
ɜlish the things of the Spirit of God.—
ot sinful flesh and lust, but thy heavenly
and grace, have the predominancy in my
to guide and govern my heart and life;
ially let the sins to which I am most
ɣly induced be effectually subdued. O
ɜ not yield myself the miserable slave of
ıul-running lusts; but conduct myself as
ise and faithful follower of my heavenly
and Saviour. And as thou who hast
l me art holy, so make me holy in dis-
on, and in all my conversation; such a

lover and follower of holiness, that I m
and enjoy the Lord.

O gird me with might for that spiritua
flict wherein I am engaged; not only a
flesh and blood, but infernal foes, too
for me to deal with; that, through
strengthening me, I may go on conq
and to conquer all that withstands thy
and my salvation, till satan be bruised
my feet, that nothing may ever be able
parate me from the love of God, which
Christ Jesus my Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer before the hearing of God's W

O MOST blessed Lord, the God of all
who art pleased to send out thy ligh
thy truth amongst us, both to discover ou
unto us, and also to make the way of lif
salvation plain before us; be thou please
to send the Spirit of thy Son into our h
that he who is the author may also be th
terpreter of thy word, to make it plain t
uhderstanding, to set it home powerfully
our hearts, and to render it the savour o
unto our souls. The Lord open our ears,
quicken our attention to receive what sha
delivered from thy word with carefulnes
meekness, and with all readiness and glad
and love and delight in it, and desire to
and grow by it: and strengthen our mem
to treasure up and retain what we hear,
we may not let it slip, without making
benefit of it, and being the better for it.
gracious God, teach us to profit, and

r improvements more answerable to those eans of grace, which through thy mercy we enjoy. Let the word which shall sound in r ears also sink down into our hearts, and ke root in our souls, and produce and shew e fruits of it in our lives, that we may not be rgetful hearers, but faithful doers of thy holy ord. O let the immortal seed of this heavenly ord beget such principles of grace and holiness in our hearts, that may be in us as a well water, springing up to everlasting life.

Make us so obedient to thy holy precepts, iat we may also inherit the glorious promises f thy word. O let our teachers be taught of iod; and direct the stewards of thy mysteries) give unto every one their portion in due sea-)n: yea, give, Lord, the heavenly benediction nd increase upon the planting and watering f thy servants, and make the waters of thy inctuary healing to our souls: yea, make thy ord as fire in the mouths of thy messengers, nd set home the sword of the Spirit with thy wn hand, making it mighty through God, to ie pulling down of strong holds, and subduing ll oppositions to the obedience of Christ. O t thy Spirit cause thy word to do thy great nd gracious work effectually upon all our earts, for which we may have reason to give iee praise and glory to all eternity. *Amen.*

A Prayer after hearing of the Word.

WE bless thee, O Lord, the living God, who holdest our souls in life, and prodest for them the bread of life, that food of

thy holy word, by which we live more better than by our daily bread. It has been delivered and received; but the bl is in thy hands, O gracious God, to m prosperous and successful to the gaining saving of souls. O wilt thou be pleas send it home to the heart, and there mak stay and abide till it has done thy will, wrought thy work, to build us up in the of Christ, and to set us forward in all ho of life; to make every hearer such a do thy word, that we may be all blessed n our deed, and hereafter for ever blessed i joy of our Lord.

O that all who have been convinced o sins may also be converted to thyself, tha may not only think of the holy change, b solve upon it, and go through with it; a thy blessed Spirit so prevail with them, th good motions may not go off before they effected the work of grace in them. O thy word mighty through God, to plan grace where it is not; to increase it where and to guide and govern all our hearts aud in thy holy ways, that the word which we may do us good, and still bring us nearer, make us more like unto our God; that we find our knowledge and our faith not on come, but to grow by hearing; and ma hear that our souls may live, now live the life of grace, and hereafter the blessed l glory, for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Increase of Grace.

O GOD of all grace, who both quickenest the dead, and after thou hast given life, vest the increase. Thy people go from ength to strength, growing in grace, till they pear before thee in glory; and the path of e just is as the shining light, shining more id more to the perfect day. But, O Lord, ow barren and unfruitful have I been among ie trees of righteousness! and how little have made my profiting and progress appear under l thy gracious means, and abundant mercies; ea, how weak and low am I still in my spiri- ial estate! O how small is my will and strength o that which is good! how much am I behind nany of thy servants, who have not had the elps and advantages which I so long have en- oyed! and how little is it to be seen in my life hat great things the Lord has done for my oul! O my God, I have not well improved ie talents which thou hast put into my hands, or answered the care and kindness of heaven hich I have so long experienced. Thou hast ot been wanting to me, O good Lord! but I ave been exceedingly wanting to myself, and o that duty which I owe to my God. I am hamed that it is no better with me; that so any mercies have been spilt and lost upon me. orgive me, O my Father, and repair thy holy iage in me, who have so much dishonoured

thee, and disabled and spoiled myself. O help me still more and more to put off the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and to put on the new, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness. Whatever else I want, Lord, deny me not thy grace, but increase it in me, and discover it still more and more upon me; yea, let the graces of thy spirit, that accompany salvation, so flourish in my soul, that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, may keep my heart and mind, through Jesus Christ.

Blessed Saviour! who camest into the world that we might have life, and have it more abundantly, of thy fulness let me receive grace sufficient for me, to make me strong in the Lord, and ready to every good work. My life, my strength, and my Redeemer! leave me not under the curse of barrenness, to stand at a stay, or to decline in my spiritual estate; but as thou hast wrought all my works in me, establish, O God, that which thou hast wrought for me, and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die, and cherish all the seeds of grace sown in my heart, that my soul may prosper and increase with the increase of God, as a watered garden, and as a spring whose waters fail not; growing in knowledge and grace, and abounding in all those fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God, that so I may be fully satisfied of the truth of thy grace in me, by its growing upon me. O my Lord! carry on with power *the* work of faith and sanctification in my soul,

hat my sinful corruption, every day like the ıouse of Saul, may grow weaker and weaker; ınd thy grace in me, every day, like the house ›f David, may grow stronger and stronger, till rom groaning under sin, and the body of this leath, I come to triumph over all that opposes ınd hinders the progress of my spiritual life: ınd as thou art pleased to afford me the means ›f grace, O grant me the increase of thy grace, o answer the end of all those means, that, in he use of them, I may be made still wiser and ıolier, and better, and fitter for thy blessed ac-:eptance in Jesus Christ, my only Saviour. *ímen.*

A Prayer for quickening Grace.

[ACKNOWLEDGE and bewail before thee, O Lord, the living and all-seeing God, my inful dulness and indisposedness for the duties ›f thy holy service: when I should delight in he law of God, and serve thee with gladness, nd make it my meat and drink to do the will f my heavenly Father: O how cold and listless m I to do that which is the best for me, and hich does most nearly and eternally concern ıe. I am alive to the world, and very apt to e transported with sensual objects; but how eavy and dead to those offices of attendance a my Lord, which are the glory and joy of all ıe worthies of heaven! My soul cleaves to ıe dust of the earth; quicken me, O Lord, :cording to thy word, according to the word thy precept, which does command us to be

spiritually-minded; to abound in the work, and not to be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord: and quicken me, O my Lord, according to the word of thy promise, that sin shall not have dominion over thy servants; and that thou wilt perfect what concerns thy people. Dear Lord! be thou pleased to perfect that which concerns my soul, and engage the love of my heart to do thy service! and make me delight to do thy will, O God, with an enlarged heart to run the way of thy commands. O help me to put forth myself with vigour and activity in thy holy ways, and to apply myself to the performance of thy blessed pleasure, not only because I must, but because it is the desire of my soul, and the joy of my heart to be so taken up, that nothing in the world may give me so much cheerfulness and sweet satisfaction, as to approve my heart unto my God, and my ways pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Ability to acquit ourselves as we ought in our several Places and Relations.

O LORD, our Lord! thy word enjoins us wherein we are called therein to abide with God. And this is the duty which we are especially to take care of, next to the care of our souls, to study to be quiet, and to do our own business, that we may provide for ourselves, and for our dependents, and render to *all their* dues, and not be burdensome, but

helpful to others. O thou that givest skill and ability for the performance of those offices to which thou callest, teach and enable me, I beseech thee, for the work of my place, and all the duties of my calling. Good Lord! pardon all my past unfaithfulness and negligence herein, and direct, and bless, and accept, and assist me in discharging it for the time to come. O make me so contented with what I get by honest means, that I may never offer to go beyond, or defraud my neighbours in any matter, but be punctually just in all my dealings, and conscientiously perform my duty in all my relations, carrying myself as I ought towards every one with whom I am any ways concerned in the world, whether superior, equal, or inferior, offensive to none; but as I have power and opportunity for it, good and useful to all. O let me not walk disorderly, nor be guilty of the impertinence and mischief to be negligent at home, and to busy myself abroad in other men's matters; but may I keep my own station, and with quietness work and eat my own bread; and provide things honest in the sight of all men, following after that which is lovely and of good report, and herein exercising myself to have always the conscience void of offence towards God and towards men; yea, whatever any may justly expect from me, help me, O my God, to discharge it faithfully and acceptably; and command a blessing, Lord, upon all my honest labours and endeavours, and make them successful to promote my own and others real and eternal good, and to glorify thy blessed *name*, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for Grace to serve the Lord with Gladness.

O MY God! thou art a Lord that hast pleasure in the prosperity of thy servants; and thy servants have all the greatest reason to be most highly pleased in the performance of thy service. It is good for me to draw nigh to God, in whose presence is fullness of joy: and the hearts of them may rejoice that seek the Lord; for thou dost not employ us but to oblige us; not for any advantage to thyself, but only for our own greatest good every way, that it may go well with us, both here and for ever. O my Lord, I am full of trouble and confusion, that ever I should be so listless as I have been to thy blessed work, and so lifeless in it, and soon weary of it, to the dishonour of thy name, and the reproach of thy service, as if I had a hard master, and a doleful work. O that I should bear as a burden that which should be the solace of my life, and the rejoicing of my heart! Forgive me, I beseech thee, good Lord, all this which I bewail before thee, and heal the indisposedness in me, which makes thy service a weariness to me; and so renew my spirit, and draw and join my heart to thy blessed self, that I may not serve thee as out of compulsion, but inclination; not as forcing myself, but loving thy work. O rid my mind of that tormenting dread which makes me uneasy in the service of my Lord; and give me a heavenly heart set upon the heavenly business, and such a mighty *love* as may sweeten all my obedience, that I

nay not account it grievous or tedious, but my ioul's satisfaction and exceeding joy. O let ne not serve thee, my God, with the spirit of ondage as a slave, but with the cheerfulness nd gladness of an ingenuous child, sitting down vith delight under thy shadow, delighting myelf in the Lord, and so pleased with thy work, hat my services may also be pleasing in thy ght, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for Skill to carry ourselves aright among all with whom we are concerned in the World.

O LORD my God! I desire to humble myself in thy sight for all the folly, indecency, and disorder of my conduct; that I have so equently failed in it, and so foully miscarried nd lost myself in my intercourse with my eighbours, that my example has too often nded more to the hardening, than to the conerting of sinners; and that I have lain as a umbling-block, and a rock of offence in the ay of my brethren, not only prone to be mpted with evil, and to be overcome myself, nt also becoming a temptation and snare to hers, so as to draw them to sin, or to embold- them in it. Though thou hast showed me hat is good, and made me to know better ings, and laid the greatest engagement upon e to be faithful in thy covenant; yet, O how ot have I been to lose my relish of the things God among sinful men! how apt to be cared into folly with the stream of the company, fall into base compliance, and consent with ners, and follow the multitude to do evil.

O my God! give me repentance and pardon for all my own sins, and for all the guilt which I have contracted in being accessary to the sins of others; and so fortify me with thy grace, that I may not be in such danger to be awed or seduced out of my religion; that I may never be ashamed of Christ before men, but boldly appear for thy truth and holiness, even in the face of an evil and faithless generation. O teach me to walk in wisdom towards them that are without, and in all kindness towards them that are within; and without offence in prudence and usefulness, to all. Make me wise in the choice, and in the use of my company, that they may not be to me, nor I to them, an occasion of falling; but that we may be mutual helps and edifiers of one another, and examples of all that is good, and imitable, and praiseworthy.

O great Lord, make me so faithful to thee, and to my own concience, that no conversation with any in the world may discompose the religious frame of my soul, that I may not be srartled at any bold censure of thy ways and wisdom, nor ever draw back from thee, for the contradiction of sinners; but cease from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of? O turn my fear of their faces into love of their immortal souls, who are my fellow-servants in thy work, and fellow-travellers to our long home; and should be faithful, and would be happy. And where I cannot promote their duty and felicity, yet grant, O Lord, that they may not hinder mine:

l where I am not edified, I may not be cor-
ted by them.

) my God, may thy presence ever sway me
re than the presence of men, that I may
ınt it a small thing to be judged of them,
l not be determined by their way or humour,
: regard my own conscience more than others'
nion; and do all in the sight of God, hear-
as to the Lord: not in so much care to in-
tiate myself with any else as to please the
at Judge of all. Yet keep thy servant, O
rd, from giving scandal and offence to any;
t I may not, by pride and passion, by vanity
l indiscretion, or by morosity and sour oppo-
ɔn, disparage my profession, nor make the
y of truth through me to be evil spoken of;
help me, my God and Guide, to walk cir-
nspectly, and to speak and act with due
ısideration of all times and places, persons
l circumstances, that I may wisely behave
self, and guide my affairs with discretion,
l so go in and out among men upon earth,
to preserve my integrity in thy sight, and
'e my conversation in heaven, and still en-
that most blessed friendship with thee my
ıvenly Father, and thy dear Son my only Sa-
ur. *Amen.*

Prayer for Grace to use our Speech aright.

) LORD our gracious God! who hast gi-
ven us reason and speech to express our
ıds to one another, and to converse com-
ably together: What great cause have we
ɔraise thee, that we are so fearfully and won-

derfully made! and our tongues that are our glory, are most of all so, when with them we set forth thy glory; but, alas! that I have so much cause to humble myself for all the abuses of my tongue; and that I have so many ways perverted the happy privilege of speaking, either holding my peace where I should have spoke to thy honour and the good of my neighbour; dumb and tongue tied to thy praise, and to a pious conference with thy servants; or else pouring out words to dishonour thy name, to wrong my own soul, and to offend and injure others. Forgive me, O merciful God, I beseech thee, all my sinful silence; my vain and idle words, and my evil corrupt communication, and help me so to speak, as to express thy grace in my heart, and to minister the same to my hearers. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips, that nothing thence may proceed but what shall be, some way or other, good for the use of edifying. Help me to keep my mouth as with a bridle, when I am provoked to speak unadvisedly with my lips; and let no profane or filthy speeches proceed out of my mouth, nor any thing be said by me, that ought not to be named among Christians.

O Lord, open thou my lips, that my mouth may show forth thy praise; make me forward to speak for thee, and for the service of thy truth, and the glory of thy name; and as slow to speak any evil to defile myself, or to hurt my neighbour. Give me, Lord, a considerate mind to weigh what is fit to be said; and make me wise

nd serious, sober and modest, pious and cha-
itable in what I speak, that it may be without
ffence, but not without some profit to the
artners in my conversation. O fill my heart
with such grace, that out of the good treasure
I may be ever and anon producing somewhat
o oblige the company, and to advance thy
glory: and put such thoughts into my mind, and
such words into my mouth, that my tongue may
be as the pen of a ready writer, to utter things
easonable and acceptable, for the benefit of
ny associates, and that I may never abuse the
iberty of speech into the licentiousness of vain
r evil-speaking; but turn and employ it to
he wise, and good, and worthy ends for which
: was given; and speak of, and for thy testi-
onies, even before the greatest, without be-
ng ashamed.

O Lord! restrain the blasphemous and bru-
sh generation, that set their mouths against
eaven, and, out of those open sepulchres,
elch forth impieties and impurities, to disho-
our him that made them; to grieve the souls
f thy servants, and to spread the contagion
f their ungodliness. O fill their face with shame
or what they have done, and their hearts with
read, to stop them from proceeding so any
arther. Confound the viperous brood that
iss and vent their venom against thy holy
ways; and give them other tongues, that they
nay use thy gifts to better purpose. O let the
ying lips be put to silence, that speak grievous
hings proudly and contemptuously against the
ighteous. And let such as fear thee, and think

upon thy name, speak often to one another; so as to promote and set forward their common edification and consolation, and eternal salvation, through thy gracious goodness to them in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The convinced Sinner's Prayer.

HEARKEN to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for unto thee will I pray; but wherewithal shall I appear before the Lord, and bow myself to the most high God, whose holy laws I have broken, and whose just displeasure I have incurred, I acknowledge my transgression, O Lord, and my sin is ever before me. My iniquities are gone over my head as a sore burden; they are too heavy for me to bear. When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth. My sin now has found me out; and that which once I thought too little to be repented, seems now too great to be pardoned. I flattered myself in my own eyes, till my iniquity is found to be hateful. I thought I was rich, and increased with goods, and had need of nothing; but now I find that I am miserable, and wretched, and poor, and blind, and naked; so that there is nothing but disorder and ruin in my soul. I have undone myself; but to work my own recovery I have no sufficiency. O how wicked have I been to allow myself in the way and mind which is enmity against God! How ignorant, yet how confident! How vile, yet how arrogant! In what need of mercy, yet how

nmerciful! how sinful, yet how impenitent! ow bold in the sins where conscience reprov- d me, but how cold in the cause where the pirit encouraged me! O the spoils, and ruins, nd desolations which my sins have made in ny soul! how have they darkened my mind, erverted my will, defaced my affections, dis- rdered my passions, hardened my heart, and educed it away from my most good and ever lessed God, to cleave unto the things displea- ing in thy sight, and destructive to my soul.

There is no hiding any thing from thee, the finite God, who fillest heaven and earth. What shall I say unto thee, Lord? I scarce now how to say bad enough of myself. O oe is me that I have done so foolishly and ickedly! whither shall I betake myself, when gainst thee, O Lord, I have so sinned, and one such evil in thy sight! Thou art the of- nded Majesty, out of whose reach I cannot scape, and under whose judgments I can ne- er be able to bear up, A guilty conscious- ess makes me afraid to come unto thee; yet know there is nothing but certain desruction o keep away from thee; and though there is o peace to the wicked so continuing, yet if he wicked forsake his way, and the unrighte- us man his thoughts, and return to the Lord, hy promise then, O God, is to have mercy pon him, and abundantly to pardon. I have one to seek to for remedy against my sins, ut unto the just and holy God, against whom have grievously sinned; and how shall I stand thy sight, O Lord, who hatest and condemn-

mercy, who at the lowest can raise, and
worst art able to relieve us. Nothing
hard for thee to effect; the most wretche
is not past thy cure; though our sins be a
let, thou canst make them as white as
though they be red like crimson, thou
make them as wool; yea, thou hast fo
ransom, and laid help upon one that is m
and able to save to the uttermost all that
to God through him. If I had not sinr
had no need of such a Redeemer; but
were sinners whom he came to save
therefore, to the Lord Jesus I look wit
desire of my soul to find a healing for th
ful soul of mine, in the precious blood
cross. O good God! when my sins cry t
for vengeance, be thou pleased to he
blood and merits pleading and intercedin
my soul, and speaking better things in m
half than I am able to do for myself in a

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out ll my iniquities. For thy name's same, O ord, pardon my sin, for it is great; too great or any but the God of infinite goodness and ove ever to discharge me from. O magnify hy all-sufficiency to help me out in this my oeful misery. Make the happy experiment pon my poor soul, how great things worthy of od thou canst do; that where sin hath bounded, thy grace may much more abound. eturn, O Lord, deliver my soul; O save me or thy mercy's sake: save me from the guilt nd filth, from the power and curse of all my ins. And thou, Lord, that knowest how to eliver, make me some way to escape out of he desperate straits and perplexities into which ny sins have cast me, that my iniquities may ot hang upon me, to be my ruin; but that hey may be taken away and forgiven, and ashed out with the blood of Jesus Christ. O urn thou me, Lord God of my salvation, and I shall be turned from my sins, and from this resent evil world, more effectually and fully o thy blessed Self. O give me such convic- ion as may end in sound conversion; and let ne experience in myself that grace of God which bringeth salvation. I want thy grace, O Lord; and want it I shall for ever, if thou e not pleased to look graciously upon me in ny blessed Redeemer. But thou will never ave the less, how much soever thou bestow- st; and thou canst not bestow thy grace upon ny one that more needs it. O God of all race, that keepest mercy for thousands, hast

great or good for the God infinitely great
good to give. O do that work of thy g
thoroughly upon my heart, for which I
have cause to glorify thy name for everm
Amen.

A Prayer for the troubled Soul.

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh! t
knowest the grievous torment of a wou
ed spirit, and hast promised not to break
bruised reed, nor to quench the smoaking fl
Have pity, Lord of love, upon thy disconso
servant, whose spirit is sore broken, and o
whelmed within him; and relieve, and h
and comfort him with thy peace, and some
kens for good, that thou hast thoughts of l
and everlasting mercy towards him. O bl
ed Jesus, who callest to thee the labouring
heavy laden sinner, with a promise of rest
their souls, give some glimpse of thy me

sure; but speak peace to him, and cause grace to shine upon him.

) God of consolation, be thou pleased to er him up with the hope and relief of thy lon and acceptance, and give him a com- able affiance in thee, and the witness of thy it with his spirit, to persuade him that he is child of God, whom thou lovest, though a chastenest, and with thy terrors preparest for thy comforts. O that he may see love he rod, and take it as the chastisement of a her, and not the vengeance of an incensed lge; and that he may find this humiliation rking for his everlasting consolation; seeing y that mourn are blessed, and shall be com- ed; and such as sow in tears shall reap in . O that his sorrow may be the godly sor- v which works repentance, not to be repent- of: that it may have such a happy issue, and l in unspeakable glorious joy; but let him sorrow as one without hope, seeing the uble for sin is a preservative from the dam- ion of hell; and such as are now in glory, nt this very way to heaven, working out ir salvation with fear and trembling; and feeling the burden of sin here, that they ght not lie under it for ever. Therefore, ugh he walk in darkness, and has no light, let him trust in the name of the Lord, and y upon his God.

O Lord! rebuke him not in thy anger, nei- r chasten him in thy sore displeasure; but urn and set him free from the heavy pressure w upon him. Be pleased, O Lord, to de-

liver him; O Lord, make haste to help
Quicken him for thy name's sake, and fo
righteousness' sake bring his soul out of tro
Thou hast showed him great and sore trou
be thou pleased to revive him again, th
may rejoice in thee. Show him thy merc
Lord, and grant him thy salvation. O fr
him early with such thy mercy, that he m
glad, and rejoice in thee all his days, v
thou hast considered his trouble, as thou
known his soul in adversity, that thy r
may have the glory, and his soul the comfo
thy seasonable relief, and thy sweet abun
mercies in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Enjoyment of God's grac
Presence and divine Communion.

O THOU infinite Majesty of heaven
earth, who canst no where be absent,
fillest all things! no place is so desolate a
be without thee: no men so bad but they l
and move, and have their being in thee. N
the very devils are not out of thy reach,
aware of thy presence, though to their c
and even in hell thou art there: but to thy p
ple and saints, that are of the houshold of G
and bear thy image, and know thy voice,
how to prize thy love, to them thou art plea
to open and communicate thyself in an espe
favourable manner, and to go in and out amo
them as the children of thy family; and, in
most wonderful condescension, to treat them
thy friends and favourites; to revive their s
rits, and to cheer their hearts; and thou h

d that thou wilt not leave them com-
but come to them and dwell in them,
their God, and let them be thy people.
ou dost manifest thyself to them, though
he world; for the ungodly are far from
nd live without God in the world. Our
s! do make the cursed wall of separa-
ween thee and our souls; and for my
how justly mightest thou, Lord, for-
e, and cast me off in displeasure, and
vay thy face, and keep at a distance
e, and abandon me over to my wretch-
as an enemy whom thou canst not love,
ainest to look upon.

though my ill deserts at thy hands may
ovoke such thy indignation against me,
ny forlorn estate without thee move thy
sion towards me; and where thou canst
e pleasure in me, yet, Father of mer-
ve pity on me, and cast me not away
y presence, nor abhor, nor forsake me
name's sake, and for the sake of that
vhich has moved thee to do so much al-
or me, and so far to discover thy grace
e. O come to me, and make me such
thou mayest abide with me, and rejoice
to do me good. My soul is as a deso-
lderness, a confused chaos; yea, even
ge of hell without thee my God; while
t not with my spirit, I live wickedly to
onour, and I know not how soon I shall
tchedly, to my own eternal undoing, if
st not an eye of pity upon me; if thou
ot haste in mercy to help me. O Em-

If thou reject me, O my God, what comp
or comfort of the world can then avail, or m
any recompence for the loss of thy favour
which is life, and without which I am d
while I live, and shall be for ever accu
when I die. But if thou be with me, and
up the light of thy countenance upon m
shall have heavenly fellowship, and overf
with unspeakable joy. Even in the abse
of all other friends and comforts I shall
need, I shall not desire them, when I can
to God my exceeding joy, and be taken
with my blessed Lord, in whose presenc
fulness of joy. O blessed are they whom t
choosest and causest to approach so nigh u
thee, O Lord, and who are so highly favou
by thee; whose gracious presence can m
the poorest cottage better than the stateliest
lace, and fill the hearts of thy servants with s
divine delights, to which the greatest mer

pleased to regard my undone state without thee, and my restless longings after thee, and be pleased to come unto me, dear Lord, not because I deserve, but because I need thee; not for my merits, but for thy own, who art worthy; for whose sake I should be so favoured from on high. My Lord and my God, whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee. O be not as a stranger to the soul in which thou hast planted an inclination to serve thee, but bless and honour me with that divine fellowship of which thou hast made me not only capable, but desirous; and give me the satisfaction to find what thou hast given me a heart to seek; yea, give me grace, O my Lord, to go on seeking till I find thee whom my soul desires above all to love; let me endure any thing easier than thy absence and displeasure, and desire nothing so much as thy presence and favour.

And be not thou far from me, O my God, but let me experience thy gracious presence with me, and the goodness of the Lord passing before me. Lord Jesus be with my spirit, and dwell in my heart by faith; as thou hast promised to be with thy lovers and followers always, even to the end of the world: Lord, for thy mercy's sake, blot out my sins; and then, for thy promise sake, come and visit my soul. O make me such as I should be towards thee, and such as thou mayest take pleasure in me; and then show thyself unto me with the favour which thou bearest to thy people; and may thy gracious abode with me now

earth be to me a comfortable earnest of my glorious abode with thee for ever in thy heavenly kingdom. Be with me, O my Saviour, every where, and at all times, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and trouble, in all estates, and in all events and circumstances of my life; to sanctify and sweeten to me whatever befalls me; and never leave nor forsake me in my present pilgrimage here, till thou hast brought me safe through all trials and dangers, to be ever with the Lord; there to live in thy sight, and love, and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for heavenly Comforts.

O MOST blessed Lord, the God of all consolation, who comfortest those that are cast down, and givest such peace and joy as the world can neither give nor take away; I confess myself unworthy of so much as any good look from thy gracious eye, or any glimpse of the light of thy countenance, to be lifted up upon my soul. I deserve to be in heaviness for my sins, to groan under the oppressive burden, even all my days, and at last to go down in sorrow to my grave; but because thou knowest, Lord, our danger to surfeit on the pleasures of sin, when thou withholdest heavenly consolations from us; and that the joy of the Lord is our strength, to carry us on with fidelity and alacrity in the way of our duty; I beseech thee, O Lord of love, to speak peace to my conscience, and say to my soul, that thou art my salvation. To fortify me against the stolen sinful

easures, and to engage my heart to a faithful-
ss in the covenant of my God, I beg of thee
me tokens of thy love to me, some discove-
s of the light of thy countenance upon me,
me experience of the joy of thy blessed spirit
me; my soul thirsteth for thee, my God, to
e thy power, and thy glory, so as I have seen
ee in the sanctuary. How long wilt thou for-
t me, O Lord, for ever? How long wilt
ou hide thy face from me? How long shall
take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my
art daily? O cause thy face to shine upon
e, and let my heart re[illegible]ce in thee, because I
ve trusted in thy holy name. Let my mouth
e filled with thy praise, and with thy honour
l the day long; and let my soul be satisfied as
ith marrow and fatness, when I praise thee
ith joyful lips.

Whether I come in or be left out, in the dis-
ibution of thy common favours, which thou
atterest with an indifferent hand amongst all
rts of men, O remember me, Lord, with the
vour which thou bearest to thy people, and
sit me with thy salvation; that I may see the
od of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the
adness of thy nation, and glory with thy in-
eritance. O that I may experience the joy
d peace in believing, and rejoice in Christ
sus, and count thy love better than wine,
d prefer it above my chiefest joy. Seeing
at the work of righteousness is peace, and
e effect of it quietness and assurance for ever,
make me the true and faithful subject of that
ritual kingdom which is righteousness, and

peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. O let me so taste that the Lord is gracious, and give me such feelings of thy spirit's operations in me; such witness with my spirit, such hopes of thy glory, and such tokens for good, to persuade and assure my heart of thy everlasting love and favour in Christ Jesus to my soul, that my soul may bless thee, O Lord, and all that is within me may praise thy holy name! And that the satisfaction and delight which I take in thy service, may also invite in others to give up themselves to it; and so thou, the blessed Giver of all joy and comfort, mayest by us all be glorified, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer and praise for a converted Sinner.

I WILL praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify thy name for evermore; so great is thy mercy towards me, that thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. My lips, therefore, shall greatly rejoice when I sing to thee, and my soul which thou hast redeemed, shall make her boast in the Lord. For I was in darkness, but now am light in the Lord; I was dead, and am alive again; I was lost, and am found. When no eye pitied me, and when I had not a heart to pity myself, then didst thou, Lord of Love, look upon me in my blood, and bid me live. O sinful wretch! that I should be taken, and others left! I stand amazed at thy kindness and love, O God my Saviour, for all the great things which thou hast done for my soul, more than if thou hadst given me wealth, and strength,

and wit, and beauty, to the admiration of all; more than if thou hadst set me up with the princes of the earth, and blessed me with all the fulness and glory of the world; for, O how soon do all these things pass away and perish! but the word of God, by which I am born again, lives and abides for ever. The grace of God, which brings salvation, appearing to me, is in me a well of water springing up to everlasting life. O God of all grace! who hadst such thoughts of mercy towards me, even when I was at enmity against thee, and did nothing but forget and provoke thee, thou wilt not despise the day of small things, nor cast me off for the failings of my services, after thou hast wrought in me some good things towards thee, and brought my soul from the gates of hell, within prospect of the heavenly glory.

O what great and sore troubles hast thou showed me! yet didst thou turn again and refresh me, and comfort me on every side with the most reviving and richest of all mercy. I must for ever have perished, if thou, Lord, had not brought me from my deadness in trespasses and sins, to newness of life; and better I never had been born, if I had not been new born. O blessed change! and mighty work! worthy of God. O the riches of grace, and the wonders of divine power and love! What shall I render to the Lord for these greatest of all benefits, which I am not able so much as worthily to express! I can never enough admire and bless thee, O my God, for thy love to my soul, which thou hast brought to see the

joy of thy salvation; how thou didst bear with me in all my dulness and perverseness, and what work thou hadst to bring me into any good hopeful way for the heavenly bliss. Yet wouldest thou not suffer me to undo myself, but gavest me checks in the way of my sins, till thou hadst overcome my heart by thy Almighty grace, and brought me home to thy blessed self; and from the slavish dread of thy wrath, to the sweetest apprehensions of thy love.

Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. My God and Saviour, I was hopeless and helpless, and at the lowest thou hast remembered me; at the worst thou hast holpen and comforted me; the fear of hell was upon me, and thou hast set me above that killing dread, to rejoice in hope of thy glory. I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. O who am I, unworthy wretch, that I should be made so happily to differ from many others, and from my former self! O what have I done to invite such saving mercy to shine upon me, when so great a part of the world is still in darkness, and in the shadow of death. I am unworthy, Lord, I am unworthy, but thou art a God, infinitely good and abundant in mercy.

O blessed God of my salvation, accept the oblation of myself, and all my services, together with my thanks and praise, for this thy love in Christ Jesus, wherewith thou hast so eternally obliged me to thyself. To give all the

glory to thee, O what an abundant cause hast thou given me, when as I have no good thing on earth, but of thy bounty, and am out of hell, only through thy mercy. And O that my life may be spent in thy dearest love, and in thy faithful service, ever delighting to do thy will O my God! As I am the receiver of such mercies, so make me the preacher of thy praises. Let me bless thee, Lord, at all times, and have thy praise continually in my mouth, even while I have my being. Accept, O gracious Father, and continue me for thy own, and make me still fitter for thy blessed acceptance in Jesus Christ my Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer after a Relapse into Sin.

O MY God! I am filled with confusion to lift up my face unto thee, from whom I have so foolishly and wickedly departed, and against whom I have so greatly and provokingly sinned. I am ashamed to confess unto thee, what alas! I have not been afraid to commit against thee. Thou Lord, hast made me to know better, but I have held the truth in unrighteousness, and therefore deserve to be beaten with many stripes, for sinning so against my own knowledge. Yea, how oft have I been taught, as with briars and thorns, what an evil and bitter thing it is to trespass upon the Lord as I have done! and yet worse than a child or brute, I have run upon the offences for which I knew I must sadly repent, or do worse; nor have I only resisted the clearest light and conviction; but trampled on the richest grace and

love; therefore I am inexcusable, O righteous Lord! and have nothing to say in my own defence: no, the guilt which I have contracted, stops my mouth. O into what a depth am I fallen! and is there any hope now for one that has so wilfully spoiled himself as I have done? The pardon and grace which I am necessitated to come begging at thy hands, O my Lord, how much greater are they than I have any reason to expect! yet no greater than thou the God of all grace canst give; nor greater than thou hast also promised to bestow even upon the greatest sinner, repenting and returning to thee. It is thy reviving word to such, that thou will have mercy upon them, and abundantly pardon; and though men may be false, and their offers but ensnarements, yet faithfulness itself can never deceive us.

Seeing thou hast made such a way for our redemption, O God of all grace, to heal and save our poor lost souls, by the stripes and death of thy only beloved Son; O that the blessed Saviour whom thou hast sent into the world may exercise his power and pity, and great salvation upon me, in this my woeful condition! and make me some way to escape, that I may not be thus taken captive by the tempter at his will. Good God! there is nothing in me but misery to move thy mercy. O fetch arguments of pity from thy own infinite goodness, and thy tender inclinations, to compassionate and relieve poor sinners returning to thee, after they have foolishly misbehaved themselves, and wickedly rebelled against thee. Mercy, O Lord, mercy I beg of

:e, for mercy's sake: O let thy compassion ire me, and withhold thy justice from pro-:ding against me. I have sinned as a silly cked man; O Lord, pardon and heal me, an Almighty and most merciful God. I have ne astray like a lost sheep! O seek thy servant ord, and bring me back to the shepherd and shop of my soul. Wilt thou take this sad op-rtunity to advance thy everlasting glory, in tying the worst of fools, in saving the chief of ners? For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon y iniquity, which is so exceedingly great.— absolve me from the guilt, deliver me from e power, cleanse me from the pollution, and ve me from the punishment of this, and all my fences that expose me to thy wrath, and in-spose me for thy service; estranging me from ee, and hindering the freedom of thy love, d delight in thee.

Lord of love, the God of my mercy, heal my ckslidings, that I may not again return to ly. O let me vow and pay to the Lord my od; and so go forth in thy strength, that thou ayest confirm my resolution, and enable me perform what I have promised. O thou com-ssionate Succourer of the tempted, lead me t into temptation, but, by thy grace and ghty aid, secure me to thyself, that I may t only, in this day of confusion and anguish ien my wounds are fresh bleeding upon me, t in all times to come, humble my soul, and te my sin, and take heed to my ways; and th purpose of heart cleave to the Lord, and ep thy holy fear and love to my life's end.— *ren.*

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have the sad occasion to come upon the
account, to confess and bewail the sin
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Holy Lord, I am ashamed that I have this
to beg; and afraid lest my sins have so pr
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out the interposition of thy infinite mer
will destroy soul and body eternally.
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tion, O what mercy from the Father of me
do I experience, that it is not executed
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ing God, would ever bear with such as pro
him every day, when he could so easily
out in fury, and avenge him of his adver
O how justly mightest thou, Lord, refuse to
me now crying to thee in the anguish

render my case so extremely hazardous, that I am ready to fear, lest mercy should quite have done with me, and abandon me over to my wretched self, and leave me to be filthy still, and to lie and perish in my sins, because I have revolted more and more.

I abhor myself, and humble my soul here in the dust before thee, O Lord, and because I have made so bold with thy laws, I am sorely afraid of thy judgments. My sins have taken such hold of me, that my heart fails me; yet Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole. I come therefore in hope to beg the so often forfeited life of my poor soul, at thy blessed hands; for thou that hast charged us to forgive an offending brother seventy times seven, even as often as he repents, wilt thou be harder to thy offenders, when they become penitent seekers of thy mercy? no, though we so often forget our duty, thou canst never forget thy mercy. A woman may sooner forget her compassion to the fruit of her womb, than the Lord of Love will forget his kindness to his child. And to the mercy that has hitherto so wonderfully endured me, O my Lord, I seek and beg now this addition, even the further prolonging yet of thy patience towards me.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee, for thou wilt answer me. I believe, thy power and readiness O Lord, to relieve poor sinners repairing to thee; and to that end didst thou, O blessed Saviour, come into the word, and shed thy precious blood, to atone for our guilt, and to cleanse us from all our sins. O

that I, who have the greatest need, may feel the happy benefit: that where sin has abounded, thy grace may much more abound. Look upon me, O Lord, as thou didst on thy offending disciple, to melt my heart into a kindly relenting, and penitent concernment for the great evil; that I may look upon him whom my sins have pierced and mourn; and be in bitterness for the grievous offences that I have committed against the Lord of Love, and the God of all my mercies. What is past, I cannot recal it; but thou, my Jesus canst remit it, and give me grace to repent it. O give me such true repentance for it, that thou mayest also give me full pardon of it, and in thy great mercy, be reconciled to me, and at peace with me.

And grant, O gracious Lord, that the custom of sinning may not so dull my sense of it, that I should commit these great sins with little remorse. Nor let it so increase my sinful inclinations, that I should be the servant of corruption, giving harbour and encouragement to the cursed things, and taking part with the enemies of my own house, to be the worst tempter to myself. Be thou, O Lord, my strong tower of defence against them, and enable me to go on conquering and to conquer, till in the name of the Lord I have destroyed them. So often have I fallen by their hands, that I fear lest one day I should so fall by them as never to rise again; but thou, my Strength and my Redeemer, art stronger than the strong one, and able yet to secure me. O blessed Keeper of Israel, keep back thy servant from presemptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me, that I may be upright and innocent of the great transgressions; nor punish my past sins, by giving me up to commit sin with greediness, but subdue my iniquities that prevail against me, and pluck me out of the mire and the snare, for thy mercy's sake. O that the same mercy which hitherto has held the hand of justice from cutting me off, and so often spared me, may also forgive and renew me; and so strengthen all the good things of thy grace in my soul, that I may be full of power to defend thy rights against these usurpations of the sinful part in me; and may be found so faithful unto death, that thou mayest give me the crown of life, not for any worth in me, but for the worthiness of thy Son, and for the sake of thy own tende rmercies in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for a Recovery after a fall into Sin.

I BLESS thy name, O Lord my God, infinitely good, that thou hast kept me alive to this day; and after all my ill carriage towards thee, and all my presumptuous boldness with thee, and manifold rebellions against thee, thou hast not given me over as a prey to the deadly enemy of my soul, that seeks to devour me, but dost yet leave me a reserve of hope, that it is not in vain to seek thy face, and to wait for mercy at thy hands. O my God, how wonderful is thy patience in my eyes, that I have not perished in such sins. It is through thy grace that I come to pause and consider of my sin and

danger, and the way to escape. And therefore hast thou so spared me in all my sins, that, by helping in such a desperate case, thou mightest show forth all the wonders of thy grace.

O Father of mercies, hast thou yet a blessing for such a rebellious wretch? And may I yet make bold to look for thy blessed favour, after I have done thee such infinite wrong? O the inconceivable depths of goodness that are in thy gracious nature, to use me as a dear friend who have misbehaved myself towards thee as the worst enemy, and to leave me hopes of pardon and heaven; when it is mercy far above my deserts, to spare my life upon earth, and keep my soul out of hell. And hast thou Lord kept me to this day, and brought me through so many temptations and dangers in my life, to be avenged on me, and to destroy me at last? O my gracious Father, the God of all my mercies, I cannot think thou so delightest in my death. I have wronged thee too much with all my sins already; and let me not add this now to the heavy score, to dishonour such tried mercy, with the base distrust and despair of its continuance. O no; I believe, Lord, help my unbelief, that thou art not willing I should perish, but by repentance come to salvation: and, O what a gracious God have I, to deal so bountifully with me; and what a stony heart, to be no more affected with the richest mercy. O, what a life of sins, and what a life of mercies has mine been! With amazement I reflect on both, to think how bad I have been towards thee, my Lord, and yet how good thou

ast been to my soul. O that such wonders of ove may have the prevailing force upon my eart, to turn it against the sins that have enaged me in such rebellion against the Lord, nd to bring me nearer to my God than ever I ave been; and to make me more abound in ıy love, and more delight in thy service than ver I have done. O that I may never commit ns so great against the God so infinitely good ut be warned by these escapes, and won by ıese mercies, to be more watchful and faithful ı keeping myself from my iniquity; continuly fearing to offend, and endeavouring to lease thee, my God, thro' Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for spiritual Victory.

O LORD GOD, Almighty and most merciful, who givest strength and power to y people, and with the temptation makest em a way to escape; by thy grace I am what am, and thy grace bestowed on me was not vain, but helped me in time of need, to withand and overcome the temptation wherewith was assaulted. My own strength, Lord, thou ıowest, is but weakness, and my heart not to : trusted. But thy hand held me up, and, by e help of my God, I have preserved my ingrity, and so resisted the Devil as to make m flee from me. I find, O Lord, by sweet ıd joyful experience, thy ways to be the ways pleasantness and paths of peace; and that in ɔserving thy laws there is great reward. O ɔw much are the heavenly raptures of victory be preferred before the filthy pleasures of sin!

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tion; the voice of rejoicing and salvatio
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of the Lord doth valiantly, and brings
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has done for my soul. Blessed be God
has not turned away my prayer, nor his
from me. O Lord, my God, thou hast
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cause thou hast a favour to me. I am
and I will be thine, and will love thee an
thy name, and give thee thanks for ever.

A Prayer for greater Concernment and Di

hen I am here placed between the infinite ernity of happiness and of misery, in a capacity r the one and in danger of the other. O what ould be my care and utmost endeavour, but to e from the wrath to come, and to lay hold on ernal life; to provide well for my everlasting ndition, and to make sure work for my immortal soul in this only time of preparation; but how negligent and careless have I been in at which most of all concerns me, doing every ing rather than the great work which thou idst send me into the world to do; and so thou ightest justly come upon me, Lord, with a readful surprize, to call me to my last account a day unlooked for, and in an hour that I ould not be aware of; but for the sake of that ercy of thine in Christ Jesus, which has prevailed with thee to spare me so long, go on, I eseech thee, O my God, to be merciful to me, forgiving me all my past sloth and negligence; nd in quickening me to a greater concernment nd assiduity to redeem the time that I have lost, nd to improve every present enjoyment to my oul's eternal advantage. O preserve me from l the distracting cares, and the sinful pleasures this life; and let me look less upon the temoral things that are seen, and keep open my es towards the great unseen eternal things at are before me. O make me more conrned for my everlasting state, and more carel to do that work which, above all things in e world, is most needful to be done. O let e dread the doom of the slothful servant, and ot be listless to the business that is of the greatest

and make me so dissatisfied without it, may count nothing too much to do, nothin hard to endure, so that I may at last attai blessed enjoyment of it.

O let the meditation of Hell be a pre tive to deter me from all the ways leading t dreadful end; and may I so look to the hea joy set before me, that with all vigour an crity I may put forth myself to get safe int possession of everlasting glory. O my give me the spirit of wisdom from abov discern the vast disproportion between the moment of this present time, and the in duration of immortality, and between the sures of sin, that are but for a season, and heavenly pleasures that are at thy right har evermore. Seeing all these things must b solved, O make me such a manner of pers I ought to be in all holy conversation and liness, looking for, and hasting to, the co

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t hast given me, in looking before me and
sidering what it is that makes for my true
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fulness to choose and follow it, whatever
culties at present may be in it. Help me,
ord, to remember and consider all the pow-
l inducements which may quicken me into
eater care for my eternal state, that my be-
may not last longer than the good of my be-
but it may go well with me elsewhere for
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I may now give diligence to make my call-
and election sure, and strive to enter in at
strait gate, and labour for that meat which
ires to everlasting life, by patient continu-
in well-doing, seeking for glory, honour,
immortality: That I may not fall short of
rest which remains for the people of God,
so labour here in thy work that hereafter I
rest from my labours in thy kingdom, not
he merit of my works, but for thy mercy's
in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

rayer for Faithfulness and Constancy in the Profession of our Religion.

MY Lord and my God, who hast called
me to the knowledge of thy eternal truth,
by the light of thy gospel shining upon me,
made the way of life and salvation plain
re me! be thou pleased to give me the in-
lity and courage still to confess thee before
, and to own thy holy religion, even in the
of an evil and adulterous generation. O let

me not be tossed to and fro, and carried away with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. My God and guide, suffer me not to be led away with the terror of the wicked, and to fall from my own ſtedfastness, but may I ever hold fast the profession of my faith without wavering, and hold the beginning of my confidence stedfast to the end. O give me such an experimental knowledge and relish, and love of thy holy truth, as may make me ever faithful and true to it; that my mind may not be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ, and that I may never be put out of that religion, the goodness whereof I have perceived so much by my own experience, but may still appear with zeal for the religion in which I have found so much happy advantage, and heavenly satisfaction to my soul; and grant me, good Lord, to find and feel still more and more of the powerful efficacy of true Christianity upon my heart, that I may be rooted and grounded in the faith, and retain such a dear love of the truth, and take so much pleasure in the way which thy grace has put me upon, that I may never turn from it, nor prove false to it; but notwithstanding all temptations to seduce or affright me out of it, I may openly declare for it, and ever be true to it, and faithfully persist in it to my life's end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Zeal and Activity in the Practice of our Religion.

O LORD, the holy jealous God! thou hast declared how loathsome to thee are the

lukewarm, and pronounced him cursed that does the work of the Lord deceitfully; and told us the dreadful doom of the slothful servant, who was called wicked, and condemned, not for committing foul evils, but for neglecting to improve his talents. Thou didst send us into this world to provide for the next; and we are a people devoted to the Lord, that have vowed and promised to serve our God, with all the utmost and best that we are, or have. This is the one thing needful that we were made for, and that we are all most strictly bound to, and must in earnest mind and follow it, as ever we would escape the damnation of Hell, and enter into the joy of our Lord; but I am ashamed, O my God, that I have loitered so long in thy vineyard, and trifled so much in thy work; that I have busied myself about vanities, and slighted my greatest business. And well may I now tremble for fear of thy judgments, when I have so little concerned and bestirred myself, as one of thy redeemed, zealous of good works.

O merciful Lord! forgive me all my sinful omissions, and all my careless performances of the duties of thy service, and quicken me into a greater zeal and diligence to promote thy glory, and to work out my salvation, that I may not only contend earnestly for the faith and doctrine of the gospel, but be as zealous for the practice of all gospel duties; so showing that I am in earnest with the religion whereof I make profession.

To glorify thy name, and save our souls, is the biggest of all our concerns in the world; nothing can deserve so much of our care and

zeal, and diligence, when it is for a crown and a kingdom, for heaven and the glory eternal, and to be delivered from thy wrath and everlasting damnation, that we strive and labour. O how much are we concerned to be vigorous in it, and all upon it! ready to every good work, and most industrious at the business of such infinite consequence, abounding in the way of the Lord! when upon this moment depends the endless eternity to come, and all that concerns us for ever hangs upon the poor short life present, that is so quickly gone, and will never return. O my God! imprint these considerations so deep upon my heart that I may no more triffe with the weighty things of eternity, nor show a cold indifferency about that which is of such absolute necessity, but may act as one that must be a blessed or a damned creature for ever, and be as zealous for God as ever I have been to pursue things temporal; that I may indeed give up myself to thy service, and make it the main care and business of my life, so showing the sincerity of what I do profess, by that zeal and fervency which is the life and soul of Christianity. O thou great Rewarder of them that diligently seek thee! help me seriously to engage in thy service, and unweariedly to go through with it; not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; exercising myself to Godliness, continuing watchful in prayer, keeping my heart with all diligence, ordering my conversation with all usefulness, and running the race set before me with all cheerfulness; full of life and spirit in thy work, and full of good deeds and fruits to thy honour,

r labouring to be accepted here to thy fa-
r, and hereafter to thy glory.
Yea, make me more zealous for thy honour,
Lord, than for my own, and whatever is in-
ous and reproachful to thee, O let me hate
erfectly and oppose it strenuously, and yet
n such prudence and kindness towards men,
I may not betray my own shame in defend-
thy glory, nor let my zeal consume, but in-
ie my charity, and put me upon doing all
good that ever I am able in my generation;
erve the interests of my Lord, and to help
ard the salvation of souls. O make me
ant for thy truth, and discreet in my con-
that I may neither betray the holy cause
ny fear, nor reproach it by my folly. O let
not spend my zeal and spirits for earthly,
for heavenly things; nor for my own lust
honour, but for thy blessed will and plea-
; not in frivolous contentions, about the
appendages and circumstantials of religion,
in pressing after the vital and substantial
; and in my concernment and endeavour
it the great unquestionable duties and qua-
tions necessary to the saving of the soul.
grant me thy grace, O Lord, to live now
alously to the glory of thy holy name, that
y come to live blessedly for ever, in the
es of thy kingdom; not for the sake of my
ces, but of thy mercies, whose gift is eternal
thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

against Worldliness, and for an Heavenly Mind.

THOU, O blessed God, art the only satisfying portion and happiness of our souls, in whom alone the desires of our hearts may find that rest and repose which all the world else cannot give; but alas! this world and the things of it have had too much of my thoughts, and too much of my heart, till I have grown remiss in my affections, and cold in my love towards thee, my God, and those things above, which are most worthy of my love. I have been eager in the pursuit of vanities and trifling concerns of this present time: but O how slack and slightly in that which does most nearly concern me! Intent upon this world, as if it would never end; and forgetful of the next, as if it should never begin. I have forsaken the fountain of living waters, to hew to myself the broken cisterns that can hold no water; disquieting myself in vain, seeking rest, and finding none, because I have sought where the precious treasure is not to be found. And so thou mightest, Lord, leave me to inherit my own wretched choice, to eat of the fruit of my own way, and to be filled with my own devices, giving me all my portion in this life, which I have so brutishly preferred before an infinitely better, and shutting me out of that heavenly kingdom which I have despised for the sake of this present world.

But, O thou Father of Mercies! forgive me all the defects of my love to thee, and all the excesses of my love to earthly things, and so

oderate my desires after these inferior goods, at instead of doating upon the world, I may ovet earnestly the best gifts, and seek first thy ngdom and it's righteousness, esteeming godness the greatest gain, and all but loss and ng, for the love of Christ and the glories f Heaven. O show me so much of those reat and glorious things of the world to come, s may dull and deaden my affections to the ings of this present world, and crucify the orld to me, and me to the world; that it may se the great force which it has had upon me; at I may be more disengaged and loosened om it, and more enamoured with, and intent on the things above, where Christ sitteth at e right hand of God, which will fully satisfy d never fail me. O let me not debase my eavenly soul, to lie grovelling and rooting in e earth, and licking the dust as if I were all esh, and had nothing to do but to drudge for e vile body. O may I less mind earthly things, d despise the most tempting enjoyments of is world, for the love of my Lord, and the ope of his glory. May my heart be with my easure in the Heavens, looking for the blessed ope and the glorious appearance of the great od, and our Saviour Jesus Christ; not coveting the great things of the world, nor to connue long in it; but rather in care to get safe t of it, and desirous to be dissolved, and to be er with the Lord. Even so, come, Lord esus. *Amen, Amen.*

Prayer for Perseverance and Grace to endure to the End.

ETERNAL GOD, with whom is everlasting strength! thou art able to keep us from falling, and to perform the good work begun in us, till the day of Jesus Christ. But, Lord, thou knowest how weak and mutable I am; how wavering and bent to back sliding; how apt to decline and fall off, after I have been set up and put in a good hopeful way heavenward; and in what danger still to undo myself after all the great things which thou hast done for me. O Lord of love, have pity on my infirmities, and strengthen me in my weakness. Preserve me, thou blessed guardian of thy people, who keepest the feet of thy saints. O preserve me from the danger of apostacy, and falling away from any good beginnings, to which thy grace has ever brought me, and put thy fear in my heart that I may not depart from thee. Make me firmly thine, that nothing which befals me in the world may ever part betwixt thee and my soul; and make me resolute for thy service, that nothing which any can say or do may interrupt me in, or take me off that way of life which is above to the wise, to depart from Hell beneath. O let me not be of the number of those that draw back to perdition; but of their happy number who do believe, to the saving of the soul.

O Lord God! thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand; go on, I pray thee, to work for the glory of thy name, and perfect that which concerns me.

ou hast been my help, leave me not, nor ake me, O God of my salvation; but hold u me up, and I shall be safe, and I will have ect to thy statutes continually. Stablish, Lord, strengthen and settle me, and leave no will nor power to resist the gracious de- ns and methods of thy love and mercy, for healing and saving of my soul. And as I, my frailty, still do renew my sins, gracious rd, through thy mercy, renew me to repent- e; and though I fall, let me not be utterly t down; but uphold me with thy Almighty nd; preserve me to thy heavenly kingdom; l keep me by the power of God, through th to salvation. O make me so faithful un- death, that thou mayest give me the crown life; so to endure to the end, that I may be ed; that, in the end of my life, I may re- ve the glorious consumption of all my pes, that blessed end of my faith, the eternal vation of my soul. *Amen. Amen.*

A Prayer in Prosperity.

BLESSED God, rich in goodness and mer- cy! thou art the portion of my inheritance d of my cup; thou maintainest my lot. The es are fallen to me in pleasant places, and I ve a goodly heritage. I abound and am full thy good things, and surrounded on every e with thy mercies. And so thou makest my airs succeed to my mind, that I cannot but pleased and satisfied with my condition, and ire with all my soul to acknowledge, and ss, and praise thee, for all thy special favours,

shall be on the morrow, nor how soon t
may be hid that now shines upon me. O
in the time of my health, and peace, and
perity, help me to remember, and provi
the time of trouble, and sickness, and
when the world's enjoyments will shrink
from me, and prove utterly unable to su
and relieve me. Yea, because the pros
of fools destroys them; and the gaining
world is the loss of so many souls; and
men of the world have all their portion i
life, grant, O heavenly Father, that thi
not be my portion; that I may not abus
world's good to thy dishonour, and my
undoing, nor turn the gifts of thy bounty
weapons of rebellion against thee, but use
in humility, and sobriety, and thy holy
doing the better service to thee, the g
obligations thou layest upon me; yea, m
many others to fare the better for suc

O gracious Lord! take the snare out of my vorldly enjoyments, and preserve me from the anger and destruction that so commonly attends a full and prosperous condition; and rather turn me out of all my earthly possessions, han that they should lie in my way, to stop me out of thy heavenly kingdom. O let me not want the affliction which thou knowest needful o my salvation; and though thou makest me poor, or givest me trouble, let me be content-d, and bless thy name; even taking away rom me, as well as giving to me. But whatever I have here to enjoy, O let me never set ny heart upon it, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the ever-living God, who alone can be o the immortal soul a never-failing portion. O preserve me from pride, and from forgetfulness of God, and love of the world, and all he vices and corruptions incident to a high and plentiful estate; and let none of my abundance or success in the world ever puff me up with a proud conceit of myself, or a scornful disdain of others, or wanton kicking against the Lord. O let it not pull me from thee; but with the cords of love do thou draw me nearer to thee; nd, with all my other plenty, my God, let ne have the fulness of thy grace, and be rich n good works; and with all my other successes, O that my soul may psosper, and be vell in thy blessed favour, and made glad with aving mercy, and thy good acceptance of me n Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Enlargement and Prosperity of the Church.

O God of all grace, who hast called out of this present evil world a chosen generation, to know thy will, to seek thy face, to follow thy ways, and to inherit thy glory; bless all thy people every where, and cause thy face to shine upon them; and so add to their number, that all the ends of the earth may remember themselves, and turn to the Lord, and see the salvation of our God. Call home to thee again thy once only people the Jews; and take the veil off their hearts, that they may see and own their Messiah; and let that blood of Christ, which they imprecated upon their heads, to their confusion, light on their hearts, to their conversion. Bring in the fulness of the Gentiles; and give thy Son the heathen for his inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for his possession. O give thy gospel a free and effectual passage throughout the world, that it may be further propagated where it has not yet reached, and the joyful sound may be heard, even where Christ is not yet named; and give such good success to it, where it shines already, that all who have received it may sincerely obey it; and every one who names the name of Christ, may depart from iniquity; and let their light shine before men, to the glory of our heavenly Father, and to the adorning of thy doctrine, and advancing the religion of God our Saviour.

Convince and convert both the professed enemies of Christ, and also the enemies of his

wn house. Beat down all antichristian powers, both in the false church, where Christianity is so foully corrupted, and also beyond the borders of Christendom, where it is openly opposed. O show unto them all the light of thy truth; that they may know it, as it is in Jesus! and expel their prejudices, together with their darkness; and so bring them to receive thy truth in the love of it, that they may be saved. O that the true religion of our Lord Jesus Christ may prevail powerfully, and gain more proselytes daily throughout the world; that Jerusalem may be the joy and praise of the whole earth; and that we may see the good of it all the days of our life! and oh that all errors, both in judgment and practice, the heresies of doctrine, and the ungodliness of life, may be more and more exposed, and confounded, and suppressed, till they be utterly abolished! that the wickedness of the wicked, being under rebuke and disgrace, may come to an end; and that truth, and peace, and holiness, may get still more credit and authority, and reign and flourish to the ends of the earth; through the abundant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Reformed Churches Abroad.

BLESS, O Lord, in especial manner, all the churches that profess thy holy and eternal truth. Protect them from the enemies that have evil-will at Sion; preserve them in the faith, and restore to them peace where it is not, and continue it to them where it is. Thou hast

shewed thy people hard things! thou hast made them to drink the wine of astonishment: O how long shall thy anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture! make them glad according to the time wherein thou hast afflicted them, and wherein they have seen adversity. Lord, how long shall the wicked triumph? How long shall they utter and speak hard things, and take crafty counsel against thy people, and consult against thy hidden ones! Arise, O God, and plead thy own cause; remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily. Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. O thou that wouldest arise have mercy upon Sion; and that the time to favour her, the set time were come! Thou art our King, O God; command deliverances for Jacob. Arise for thy servants' help, and redeem them for thy mercy's sake. Let not the rod of the wicked rest upon the lot of the righteous; but give a check and stop to the persecuting spirit that breaks in pieces thy people, O Lord, and afflicts thy heritage. When such wicked enemies come to eat them up, see them stumble and fall; and let thy people never be ashamed. Yea, not only restrain the remainder of that wrath, but so turn it, as thou didst in the persecuting Saul, that the enemies and opposers of thy ways and servants may become lovers and followers of the same.

O hear the sighs and support the spirits, repair the breaches, and hasten the deliverance of thy servants, who suffer for the testimony of thy truth, and are persecuted for righteousness sake; yea, for thy sake, are killed all the day

ong, and counted as sheep for the slaughter. O make thy face to shine upon thy servants; and redeem Israel out of all his troubles. Be thou, Lord, a refuge for the oppressed; a refuge in times of trouble, and come in to their succour; and make them a way to escape out of the hands of such unreasonable men, whose mercies are cruel. O break thou the arm of the wicked and evil man, and judge the oppressed, that the men of the earth may no more oppress. Shew thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that savest by thy right hand them that trust in thee, from those that rise up against them. When their power is gone, make known thy own; and when there is none to help, reveal thy own arm to bring salvation. Such as are banished, and driven to seek their bread in strange countries, leaving all else behind them, that they might take their religion along with them, Lord grant them to find favour with those among whom they are scattered, and, of thy Fatherly care, provide for them; and, in thy good time, restore them to their possessions, and to sure habitations, and quiet resting-places. Or, if thou wilt not abate them the troubles on earth; yet, Lord, let theirs be the kingdom of heaven. For the outward comforts which they have lost, O give them heavenly joys within, and everlasting consolations. And by their persecution and dispersion, prepare them for, and conduct and hasten them to the blessed rest which remains for thy people, and the more glorious rewards in those heavenly mansions above, where such as die in the Lord rest from their labours, and their works follow

them. That there, out of the reach of all disturbance and danger, they may sing thy praise for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for our Church.

BLESSED be thy name, O Lord our God, who hast called us to be thy people, and caused the day-spring from on high to visit us, and the light of thy gospel to shine upon us. Thou hast sent to us the word of salvation, and made thy holy religion to be our birth right, and the professed religion of our nation. Thou hast not been deficient in kindness to us, gracious Lord; but O how short have we come of our duty which we owe to thee our God! Great things still, time after time, thou hast done in our behalf: but O how little have we done in thy service; and how much against thy holy, good, and righteous laws! We have long experienced thy care and kindness, as the vineyard of the Lord, which thy right hand has planted! Thou hast hedged us about with thy providence, digged and pruned us with thy judgments, watered and refreshed us with thy mercies; and justly mightest thou, after all, expect the good fruit from us. But alas! our greatest fruitfulness has been in the briars and thorns of contention, and the unfruitful works of darkness, to dishonour the blessed name by which we are called, and to affront the heavenly goodness whereby we have been obliged. So unworthy have we walked of our holy vocation, and so little is it to be seen among us, *how* much thou hast done for us, that we must *confess*, O Lord, thou mightest justly take away

ıe gospel of thy kingdom from us, and give it
› another people, that should bring forth fruits
ıore worthy of it, and more answerable to it
ıan we have done.

But, O gracious long-suffering God, who in
ıdgment hast ever remembered mercy towards
s! enter not into judgment with us, for our
nmindfulness of thee, and our boldness with
hee; our barrenness under all the means of
;race, our ingratitude for the most precious
›enefits, and our abuses of the innumerable
›lessings and favours pertaining to this life and
better, which we have so long enjoyed; nor
emember our sins against us; but remember
hy own tender mercies, and loving-kindnesses,
vhich have been ever of old. O say not of this
ınd, thou hast no pleasure in it; but return, we
›eseech thee, O God of Hosts: look down from
ıeaven, behold and visit this vineyard, and the
ıranch which thou madest strong for thyself.
le thou as a wall of fire about our church, to
heck the malice, and break the forces of all
ıat would invade the peace, corrupt the puri-
', and destroy the prosperity of it. And be
ıou as a refiner's fire, and like a fuller's soap in
ıe midst of us, to purge away our dross, and
› purify us yet more from all remaining errors
ıd corruptions; that righteousness may be the
ıundation of the walls of our church, and
eace the ornament of her palaces.

O may that right-hand of thine, which does
ıliantly, work wonders for our safety. Espe-
ially, be thou pleased, Lord, to work such a
›ly reformation upon us, that we may be truly
reformed *people*, as well as so called: a pe-

culiar people, zealous of good works: a people eminent for that righteousness which exalts a nation; that thou, the righteous Lord, who lovest righteousness, mayest bless us, and with favour compass us as with a shield; and cause thy anger towards us to cease; and rejoice over us to do us good. After all the methods for our good that we have resisted, O what shall we ask, but that thou wouldest be pleased, O Lord, our God, to do for us what thou knowest effectual to reclaim and save us? and after all the grace of God that we have received in vain, O give us the grace which we may not withstand or abuse, but comply with it, to make us such as thou wouldest have us; and to secure to us all thy saving mercies in Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord, and only Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the King, and all our Rulers and Magistrates.

ALMIGHTY Lord, the most high God; by whom kings do reign, and princes decree justice! thou puttest down one, and settest up another; and there are no powers but of Thee; the powers that be, are ordained of God. Thy word directs us to pray for kings, and for all that are in authority: and both in duty and inclination I become a petitioner to thy heavenly Majesty, for thy chosen servant King GEORGE, and all our governors, of what sort or degree soever. Give thy judgments, O God, to the King, that he may judge *thy* people righteously, and break in pieces their oppressors. Give him the spirit of government,

nd make him wise as an angel of God, to liscern between good and evil: a ruler after hy heart; and a follower of wise and pious rinces, in all things excellent and praise worhy. O make him obedient to thee, and his ubjects obedient to him, for thy sake. Rule iis heart in thy fear and love, that he may rule iis people to thy honour and glory; that in his lays the righteous may flourish, and abundance f peace, with a liberty of the gospel, and the ree profession and good encouragement of thy rue and holy religion. Protect him, Lord, hat he may protect us; bless his arms with good uccess and victory, and his government with ll happiness and prosperity. O keep him as he apple of thine eye; hide him under the hadow of thy wings, that no mischief may efal him, nor any son of Belial come near to ouch thine anointed, so as to do him any arm; and may he long continue to rule and eign for thee here in this earthly kingdom, till e come to live and reign with thee above in hy kingdom everlasting.

Give, Lord, unto all our rulers spirits suitable o their places. Make them a terror only to vil-doers, and the praise of them that do well. o that they may use for thee all the power hich they have received from thee, not bearng the sword in vain; but curbing and suppressing all vice and ungodliness; and defendng and encouraging whatever is holy, just, and ood. O give them wisdom to understand, and earts to consider, and abilities to repair the reaches, and to redress the grievances of thy eople; that under the protection of the pow-

ers protected by thee, and under such rulers as are ruled by thy word, we may lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty.

And grant, O Lord, that I, and all my fellow-subjects, may submit to every ordinance of man for thy sake; and in conscience towards God, yield ourselves tractable to the powers which thou hast ordained; that the fear of God may teach us to honour the King, and the sense of our duty to the Lord may also keep us within the bounds of our duty to them, unto whom thou hast commanded us to be subject and obedient; that we may not bring an evil report upon our holy profession, but put to silence the ignorance of foolish men, by well-doing. And may all rulers so rule, and subjects so obey; and every one of us, from the highest to the lowest, understand and seek after God, seeking thee, Lord, whilst thou mayest be found, and calling upon thee while thou art near, that thou mayest not root us out from being a people, as we have justly deserved; but be still our God, and do us good in the wonted ways of thy loving-kindness to us, through the Son of thy Love, our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Magistrate's Prayer.

O THOU great and supreme Ruler of all the world! by whom all the governors on earth are set up, to restrain the unruly, and to favour thy people! though thou needest not the services of men and angels to assist thee, but canst immediately, by thyself, do whatever thou pleasest in heaven and in earth, with the

ast word of thy mouth, with the least motion thy will, yet thou art pleased to honour some thy creatures as thy vice-gerents, and to or-er and govern the sons of men, by those of ıeir own kind, exalting some chosen out of ıe people, to preside and rule over the rest. 1e thou hast called, Lord, to this honour, and as been pleased to set me above the common ɔt of men, as one of the little representatives f thy blessed self. O King of Glory! I will xalt thee, who hast vouchsafed to raise me, nd as thou hast made me to differ from others ı this dignity, so make me to excel in every raise-worthy property. O that I may repre-ent not only thy power and majesty, but thy visdom and holiness, thy truth and goodness, hy justice and mercy. O that I may retain a owly mind in my high station, and not forget o lift up myself, nor insult over my poor infe-iors: but, like the great God, who despises ıot any, may I condescend to men of low state; and, without respect of persons, judge ccording to every man's work; yea, delight ɔ rescue and succour the injured and oppressed; ɔ deliver the needy when he cries, the poor lso, and him that has no helper.

O may I rather fear my accounts, than be ıroud of my office; and, in the fear of the ord, let me ever be careful to execute that vhich is righteous in the sight of God; and vith all faithfulness to discharge my trust, as ıne that must be judged myself, and find the ame measure with which I mete. And seeing he eyes of all are upon me; and my place ex-

poses me the more to common notice, and my example has a greater influence than that of a private ordinary man; O make me, Lord, the more vigilant and cautious in the inspection of myself, and the ordering of my conversation aright; that I may not embolden others to commit such wickedness as I ought to punish, nor lead people into the sin and ruin which I should help to save them from; nor be a scandal and grief of heart to the holy followers of Jesus, whom I am set up to patronize and comfort; but let my conversation be such as shall put to confusion dissolute and exorbitant sinners, as well as my justice strike terror into the evil-doers. O make me a hearty lover of all good men, and one that honours them who fear the Lord. Make me ever ready and forward to defend, and countenance, and encourage the generation of thy children, such as live godly in Christ Jesus. And let me with courage exert my authority in a zealous vindication of thy glory: and in asserting the rights, and promoting the growth and advancement of thy true and holy religion. O that the honour of thy name, and the interests of thy kingdom, and the welfare of thy church and chosen, may be ever next my heart, that above all things I may seek the things of Jesus Christ; and truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. And all the power and interest that I have in the world, O may I so lay it out, for the service of thy holy truth, and set forward the blessed design of the gospel of thy dear Son, that, after my advance-

ent here, I may not be thrown down hereaf-
r, nor receive the dreadful doom, for betray-
g my trust, and abusing my authority; but
av appear with comfort and joy before my
ıdge, whose holy cause I espoused and ad-
ınced; and whose faithful servants I sheltered
ıd cherished, and shewed the greatest kindness
› them; and with them may be raised at last
› that highest of all bliss and glory, which shall
ıdure for evermore. *Amen.*

Prayer for all our Bishops, Pastors, and Ministers.

O LORD most high, the glorious head of all the church! who hast appointed varius offices in it, for the perfecting of the saints, ›r the work of the ministry, for the edifying f the body of Christ; bless in especial manner ll those whom thou hast sent to bless the peole in thy name; and make all our spiritual faıers careful and tender nursing fathers of the ıurch. Grant them knowledge and grace, ›th to manage themselves, and order their con-ersation aright; and also to watch for souls, ıd feed the flock of God, and take the overght thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; ›t by filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; careıg for all committed to their charge, and givıg to every one his portion in due season? that ıey may rightly divide thy word, and speak it ; they ought to speak, and do thy work as thy orkmen, that need not be ashamed. O make ıem skilful and faithful in their sacred callings, ıd successful and happy in their good endea-

vours to promote the knowledge and love of thy truth, and all the duties of a holy life. And let both their example and their doctrine be such as shall help to save themselves, and those that hear them. O that they may speak as the oracles of God, in demonstration of the spirit and power; and that they may shew themselves patterns of all the good things which they preach to others; not prostituting their holy calling to serve the interests and lusts of men; but conscientiously discharging it, to the glory of their Lord! not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but, by manifestation of the truth, commending themselves to every man's conscience, in the sight of God; and being so good ensamples to the flock, that having preached to others, themselves may not be castaways, but experience the joy of that salvation which they preach; and, when the chief Shepherd shall appear, receive the crowe of glory that fades not away.

Though the world hates and the devil opposes them, and even many that should encourage their labours do but strive to weaken their hands, and afflict their hearts, O great and good Lord! do thou shew thy own strength, to accomplish thy own work. Open a wide door to the gospel, and defeat all opposition; stop the mouths of false prophets, and drive away ravenous wolves from the flock, and give them faithful pastors. And, Lord, crown the endeavours of thy messengers with thy heavenly blessing, that they may be mighty, through God, to pull down the strong holds of sin; and to edify and build up thy church in the true fear

nd love of God, and in the right knowledge nd faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. And beause wise men die, and cannot bequeath their earning and talents unto others; to supply reaches made upon us by their mortality, bless oth our universities, and all the schools and urseries of good learning and true religion in he land that they may send forth men able and pt to serve thee in church and state; and oblige he world, by doing good in their generation, nd shewing people the way to be happy both ere and hereafter. *Amen.*

The Author's Prayer for himself as a Minister.

O BLESSED Jesus, my Lord and my God! what high honour hast thou done me in alling me to the office which thou was pleased o take upon thyself! who camest not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to preach the ospel of the kingdom, and teach the way of lvation. All glory be to thee, who hast been leased so to dignify me; but as thou thyself, e head of the corner, art to some a stone of umbling, and a rock of offence; so thy messngers are to them that perish, the savour of eath unto death, as well as to them that are ved, the savour of life unto life. And if thy ise and holy servant asked, Who is sufficient r these things? well may I, a weak and sinful retch, tremble under the work of the minisy, lest the blood of those that perish, through y neglect and default, should be required at y hands, and lest, when I have shewed others e way to heaven, I myself should be shut

out; but I look unto thee, O Lord, my life, my strength, and my redeemer, who hast appointed me in this station, to accomplish me also for it. O thou that ordainest strength out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, magnify thy power in my weakness: and shew thyself so graciously and mightily on my behalf, that I may do all things as I ought, through Christ strengthening me. O let me learn from thee what I shall teach concerning thee. Open my understanding, O Lord, that I may well undersand the scriptures, and rightly divide the word of truth; and be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convince the gain-sayers. O put such thoughts into my mind, and such words into my mouth, that, out of the abundance of my heart, my mouth may speak to the glory of thy name, and to the edification of those unto whom I make my application. O make me wise to win souls, and watchful over them, as one that must give an account of them; not entangling myself in the affairs of this life, but waiting, on my ministry; taking heed to myself, and to my doctrine; studying to shew myself approved to God, and thoroughly furnished to every good work. Give me skill and conduct, prudently to steer my course through all the difficulties in my way; and give me patience and courage to withstand all assaults and opposition which I have to encounter. O my Lord, be with me, and guide me, and help me, and strengthen and succour me, now and always, in the great work lying upon me. Open to me a door of utterance, that I may speak thy word as I ought to speak; and make me

faithful, and diligent, and successful in my sacred calling; doing thy work as thy workman, that need not be ashamed; not preaching myself, but Christ Jesus the Lord; nor seeking the praise of men, but the honour of my God; yea, make me an example of all the holy properties and praise-worthy practices which I preach to others; that I may not lay upon them the burdens which I refuse to bear myself; but go before them in the ways which they are to follow; holding forth the word of life in my conversation, as well as in my doctrine; that I may shine with a convincing light to them; and not lay a stumbling-block before them; neither making the heart of the righteous sad, nor strengthening the hands of the wicked; nor giving just offence to any, but approving myself, as far as I am able, useful and beneficial unto all; keeping under my body, and bringing it into subjection, lest that, by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be cast away.

And, O thou that givest the increase, command a blessing, I pray thee, upon all my studies and endeavours, that I may not spend my strength for nought, nor labour in vain; but that I may make full proof of my ministry, and be instrumental, through thy grace, to convert the unconverted, and to build up them that are in any measure sanctified; and so, to save myself, and those that hear me, that when I have finished my course, I may give an account of my stewardship with joy, and not with grief; and receive the crown of righteousness at thy

hands, not for my merits, but for thy mercy's sake. *Amen. Amen.*

A Prayer for a Blessing upon the Societies Confederate, to promote Reformation of Manners.

O RIGHTEOUS Lord, thou lovest righteousness, and thy countenance does behold the upright. Thou favourest them that espouse the righteous cause, and wilt for ever glorify such as turn many to righteousness. Thou hast not only commanded us to be holy, and to walk circumspectly ourselves, but also to shew our concern for the souls of others; to contend for the faith, and contend with the wicked, and not suffer sin upon our brother; but apply our endeavours to convert the sinner from the error of his ways; and to recover those out of the snare of the devil, who have been taken captive by him at his will.

Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, and the faithful fail from among the children of men; even all seek their own; and O how few the things that are Jesus Christ's. Arise, O God, and plead thy own cause; and be with them that rise up against the evil-doers, and that strive to do good to this present evil world, by a merciful severity, to restrain the unruly from undoing themselves; and by executing judgment, to stay the plague and wrath gone out from the Lord against us all. Plead their cause, O Lord, with them that strive with them, and stand up for their help; and stop the way against them that persecute them; and make them successful to promote the honour of thy

reat name, and the interests of thy holy ·ligion.

O that none of the correctors of others may eserve like censure themselves! but that they ıay be all blameless and harmless; the Sons of ïod without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked ıd perverse nation, among whom they may ıine as lights in the world. O give them a ɔnder love to the souls of men; a zeal accord-ıg to knowledge, and prudent conduct to ·alk in wisdom towards them that are without. ınd give them good courage to endure the con-·adiction of sinners, and to count it a small ıing to be judged of man's judgment, and élp them in their patience to possess their souls, ıd in meekness to instruct those that oppose ıemselves, and make the weapons of their ·arfare mighty through God, to the pulling ɔwn streng holds. And so speed them with ıy heavenly blessing, that how small soever ·as their beginning, their latter end may greatly ıcrease. O let them go forth in thy strength, ıd prevail and prosper, as the blessed of the ord.

Though we are cast into the dregs of time, hen godliness declines, aud iniquity abounds; ıd almost all abomination grows daring and ıpudent; yet, thou, Lord, that dost marvel-ıus things, can bring light out of darkness; ıd when thou pleasest, canst change the face f evil times. Yea, glorious things are spoken f the last day: and thy word foretels such a ɔly and happy state of things, even upon earth, ; this sinful and wretched world does not yet ·em to have been blest with.

O when shall it be, Lord; when shall judgment return to righteousness, and all the upright in heart follow it? O when shall the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, and profaneness and lewdness, debauchery and immorality, intemperance and extravagance, be put to confusion; and all iniquity stop her mouth, and the righteous flourish, and Jerusalem be the joy and praise of the whole earth?

The Lord hasten it in his time: and in the mean while give a check from heaven to the floods of ungodliness, that have lifted up their voices and their waves; and say to those proud waters, hither shall ye go, and no further.

O cherish and prosper all good beginnings, and all hopeful proceedings, for the furtherance of piety, and for the advancement of thy glory. Make magistrates and ministers, in all orders of men, vigilant and diligent in keeping their own hearts, and ordering their own conversations aright; and also to set forward, what in them lies, the reformation and edification of their neighbours; that all may account it, not only their duty, but their honour and pleasure, to have their hands in this glorious work, and may do it heartily, as to the Lord; to the bettering of the world, and to the rejoicing of all that, in sincerity do love our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for our Benefactors.

I Desire with all thankfulness to acknowledge thy loving-kindness, O Lord, my God, that thou hast given me so many comforts, and tai-

ed me up so many friends, and helps in the world. It is thou, Lord, who hast the hearts of all in thy hands, that turnest the hearts of my to shew me favour, and to do me good. They are but the instruments and means of conveyance; but thou art the blessed Author and original fountain of all the kindness: to thee, therefore, where alone it is due, I give the glory, and offer the sacrifice of praise. But for them, whom thou hast enabled, and also inclined to benefit and pleasure me, I am obliged to offer up the sacrifice of my prayers. O be thou kind to them, Lord, as they have been kind to me; refresh their bowels as they have refreshed mine; and requite their love, and all their endearing offices of friendship, seven-fold into their bosoms. Make me studious ever to approve myself grateful; and ready to make all fitting returns in my power. And be thou pleased, O blessed God, infinitely good, to reward them where I cannot: yea, turn all the advantages I have had from them to their own greatest advantages. And for their goodness and their kind favours, give them not only temporal mercies, but heavenly blessings and everlasting consolations. O give them Christ, and all the good things of thy spirit that accompany salvation; yea, give them thy own self, Lord, who art All in all, to be their blessed glorious portion for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for our pious Friends.

GLORY be to thee, O Lord, for thy grace discovered upon any of my friends. O how great is thy goodness which thou hast laid

up for them that fear thee, which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee, before the sons of men. Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: Feed them also, and lift them up for ever. Let none that wait on thee, O Lord, be ashamed; but let all that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee, and ever have cause to say, the Lord be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of his servants. O do good to them that are good, and to them that are upright in their heart. And continue their loving-kindness, Lord to all such as have chose the better part; and still desire to know, and fear, and love thee more, and to serve and please thee better. O answer them in the wishes of their hearts, whose hearts thou knowest to be set upon the increase of thy grace, and perfecting holiness in thy fear. Lead them on from strength to strength, from one degree of saving knowledge and grace to another; till, from shining here as lights in the world, they come to shine as the stars, and as the brightness of the firmament, in the kingdom of their Father, for ever and ever. And while they are in the world, O do thou keep them, good Lord, from the evil of it; and bless and prosper all their designs and endeavours, to do still more and more good in it; that all about them may be the better for them: and that themselves, when come to the end of their pilgrimage here, may depart in peace, and hope, and joy; and find their grace exchanged for the crown of glory that fades not away, among all the redeemed and blessed of the Lord, where they will admire

ınd enjoy thy love, and extol and magnify thy ıame for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for our Friends whose Soul we fear to be in a dangerous Condition.

O LORD, it was a mighty concernment upon the spirit of thy holy apostle, that made him declare, he had great heaviness and continual sorrow in his heart, and could wish ıimself accursed from Christ, for his brethren, his kinsmen according to the flesh: and somewhat like to his, thou knowest I feel in myself with reverence to some of my relations, especially my poor friend ————, who seems to be even in the gall of bitterness, and the bond of iniquity; setting himself in a way that is far from good, and lying under the danger to be for ever lost: O what shall I do for him? and ıow shall I apply myself to be helpful to him? would be taught of God; and I desire to learn wisdom of thee, my Lord, and to be enabled ›y thy grace to use the methods and expedients hat shall be most probable and successful to work upon him, and to do him good. O intruct me in the way that I shall take, and ssist and bless me in the means and endea›ours I shall use to attain this desirable ınd.

Yea, thou great Almighty God, who work›st all in all, and canst do whatever thou pleas›st to enlighten the darkest mind, to fashion he hardest hearts, conquer the stubbornest will, ınd turn even the most hopeless sinners to thyelf; O be thou pleased to shew the irresistable

efficacy of thy heavenly grace in the case that is so sad, and worthy of thyself to relieve. Be pleased, O Lord, to break in powerfully upon him, and discover to him what is amiss with him; and make him to know the danger of his sins, and in what condition his soul is. And open, Lord, his eyes, and soften his heart, and turn his course, and break the force of his temptations; and so make him a way to escape out of the enemy's hands; that even the dead may hear the voice of the Son of God and live. That the presumptuous may be startled, and the secure awakened, and he that is so far gone, yet recovered: Yea, that the lost sheep may be brought home, and the sinner so repent and be converted, that his sins may be blotted out, and his soul be thoroughly healed, and mercifully accepted, and eternally saved.

O gracious God, thou hast no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but art reconcileable, in in the Son of thy love, to the very worst of thine enemies; and not willing that any should perish. O what profit is there in his blood! how shall the dead and damned praise thee? Lord of all power and mercy, get the glory in his recovery. O speak the word, and thy sinful creature shall live, and for ever bless thy name. Dear Father, forgive him all the evil thoughts and devices of his heart, and all the offensive wicked carriage of his life. Forgive him all his sins of omission and commission; and bring him out of all the ways of wickedness and ruin, into which he hath struck out; O bring him *at last*, with purpose of heart, to resign and *give* up himself to the Lord; and make him

ligent to retrieve himself, and full of care for s soul, and very conscientious and zealous in l the practices of piety and honesty, and cha- ty, and sobriety; whereby he may approve mself to be truly changed, and quite another anner of person than he has been, in all holy nversation and godliness.

O grant him an inheritance among them that e sanctified, through faith in Christ Jesus; id send down that renewing grace into his eart, which may be there as a well of water, ringing up to everlasting life. Thus comfort id rejoice the soul of thy servant, O Lord, ho does wait upon thee, and cry unto thee, r such thy saving mercy, to be shewn upon ie and mine (particularly upon this near ally, hom I bewail and recomm nd to thy grace); ven for thy own mercy's sake, in the great over and Saviour of souls, who came to seek ie lost, and to call sinners to repentance, even ıy dearly beloved Son our blessed Lord Jesus hrist. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Unconverted.

O LORD God, gracious and merciful, thou art good to all, and thy tender mercies are ver all thy works. And thou hast assured us, hat thou hast no pleasure in the death of the vicked, but that he should turn from his way nd live. Yea, thou that didst call Zaccheus n old sinner, and Saul a fierce persecutor, hast he power over all hearts in thy hands, to fashi- n them as thou wilt; and canst, even out of tones, raise up children unto Abraham, and

make eminent saints out of the very vilest sinners. O Father of mercies, pity poor sinners that have no heart to pity themselves: open their eyes to see the error of their ways, and the danger of their case: soften their hearts into a penitent concernment for their sins; and awaken them into a timely care of their souls. O let thy spirit convince them how bad it is with them; and set their sins in order before them, that they may know their transgressions, and what is the wages of sin, and the dreadful portion of all ungodly men; and know where their help lies, and what they must do to be saved: and the Lord make them faithful to their convictions, that they may not hold the truth in unrighteousness, but make haste to do what they are convinced is necessary to be done for their poor sinking souls, before it is too late.

O good God, give repentance to the acknowledgement of the truth, unto such as have opposed themselves, that they may be recovered out of the snare of the devil, who have been taken captive by him at his will; that thy power and mercy may be glorified in their conversion and salvation: and not thy truth and justice in their ruin and destruction.

That they are so far from the kingdom of God, that they contradict and blaspheme thy truth, and stumble at thy word, and set it at nought; resisting the means of their salvation, and hating and abusing the followers of Jesus; turning again to rend thy servants: O Lord, our heavenly Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And stop and turn

hem, as thou didst the persecuting Saul, when ıe was mad against the saints, and verily hought with himself that he ought to do many hings contrary to the name of Jesus. Put hem in fear, O Lord, that they may know hemselves to be but chaff and stubble before hee our God, a consuming fire. And bring lown their high looks, subdue their stiff necks, ınd break their hardened hearts, to make them ubmit unto thee, that they may not be slain be-ore thee.

And such as think they are rich, and in-:reased with goods, and have need of nothing, ınd know not that they are wretched and mise-able, and poor, and blind, and naked; O Lord discover them to themselves, and shew hem the true estate of their souls; that they nay be sorrowfully concerned for their sins, ınd apprehend the peril they are in, and timely seek out for help, and flee from the wrath to come.

Such as are ignorant and out of the way, and to do their souls good have no knowledge, Lord, have compassion on them; and call them out of darkness, into thy marvellous light, that they may not perish for lack of knowledge. O let them be taught of God to know thee and themselves, and the things belonging to their peace, before they be hid from their eyes. O thou that commandest the light to shine out of darkness, be pleased to shine into their hearts; shew them thy ways, and lead them in thy truth, that they may not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Such as are in pernicious errors, and damnable heresies, departed from the faith once delivered to the saints; having their minds corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ, perverting the truth, as it is in Jesus; and not only swerving from the pure doctrine of the gospel themselves, but also lying in wait to seduce and deceive others. O Father of Lights, take away the veil which is upon their hearts, that they may see wherein they have erred, and come to receive the truth in the love of it, and earnestly contend for the faith, which they once destroyed.

The prosperous worldlings and secure sinners, settled upon their lees, that are at ease in their possessions, and admire and dote upon the worldly good, as if it were the chief and only good; applauding themselves in their portion that they have in this life, as if they had no need of God, nor to take care for any other heaven; O dear Father, shew them how base is their choice, so to go a-whoring from the Lord, and how rotten the foundation on which at present they stand. O make them to know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God; and that all this world can never either satisfy the desire, or recompense for the loss of a soul: yea, open their eyes, O Lord, to see how the fashion of this world passeth away; and how soon all that wherein they trust and delight will be utterly gone, as if it had never been; and what multitudes by forsaking of God, to cleave unto Mammon, miscarry, and are lost for ever; drowned in that destruction and perdition from whence their is no re-

lemption: that they may be checked and cooled in that pursuit of the world, and flee from its snares, for the life of their souls; and so leave all for Christ, and the everlasting glory to come, that they may not be condemned with the world, but saved in the great day of the Lord.

And such as the loose and profane, and scandalous in their lives, making bold to rebel against Heaven, and committing all uncleanness with greediness; scoffing at the followers of Jesus, and deriding all that is serious and holy, and needful to the saving of the soul; refusing to be ashamed, and hating to be reformed; how dangerous and desperate soever seems their case, yet, Lord, it is not past thy help and cure, who callest these things that are not, as if they were; who canst change the leopard's spots, and the Ethiopian's skin; yea, and bring, not only something out of nothing, but the greatest good out of the worst evil. Oh! where sin has abounded, may thy grace much more abound. Thou, Lord God Almighty, do the great work of thy grace, to heal such wounds and bruises, and putrifying sores; and to recover the ruinous sinners, so far gone, under such deadly distempers, that the prodigals may come to themselves, and arise, and go to their Father, that such as were dead may be alive again, and such as were lost may be found; that they may yet turn from their evil ways, and come to see the beauties of holiness, and delight to do thy blessed will, O God, and obtain an inheritance among

them that are sanctified, through faith in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all that desire our Prayers.

O LORD God of the spirits of all flesh! thy word requires us to pray for others as well as for ourselves; and to call upon thee as our common Father in Jesus Christ. And though I am unworthy to speak to thy heavenly Majesty, O most High, either for myself, or others; yet, in the sense of thy mercy, and the obligation of my duty and charity, I take upon me to become an humble petitioner to thee, my Lord, in behalf of all such as desire to be partakers of my prayers: O that they may share in thy rich mercies, according to their several wants and necessities. They are known to thee by name; O let them be known of thee in the number of thy children. Thou knowest what they most need, and chiefly desire; O thou gracious Giver of all good, answer them in the desires of their hearts, as far as they desire the things that are meet and good; and where they desire what is unfitting and hurtful, convince them of their error, that they may not persist in it. And where they see not the things of their peace, or are cold to that which is most for their good, O Lord, shew them the saving way, and grant them a great love for it, and true zeal to follow it. Bless them, gracious Father, with so much of the world's good as thou knowest to be good for them; but especially remember them with the favour which thou bearest to thy people. Instruct them, Lord, in the knowledge of thy will, and what they must

o to be saved; and make them faithful to prac-se according to the light which thou art pleas-d to give them: yea, incline their hearts to ıke pleasure in the performance of their duty. ;less them, O God of all grace, with that race and favour of thine, in which is life, and ;ith all spiritual blessings in heavenly things in :hrist Jesus. *Amen,*

A Prayer for the Blessing of our intended Marriage.

O MY God, thy bountiful favours have exceeded all my expectations, as well as ıy deservings; and though I have wretchedly ›used thy kindness and love, yet still thou ;aitest to be gracious, and art not weary to ıew mercy. Now thy good providence, Lord, ath set the fruition before me, which looks opeful upon me, and for good to me. If thou nowest it to be so indeed, O Lord of Love, romote and bring it to pass. And that thou ıayest bless and prosper my designs, grant that may proceed in thy fear and favour, so as hall be for the glory of thy name, and the eter-el welfare of myself, and thy servant whom ıy thoughts and affections are set upon. O ive me such a partner of my fortunes as may e a blessing to me for this life and a better. \nd make us truly beneficial and comfortable o one another in all the best respects, pertain-ıg to our chiefest good. Grant, Lord, that ;e may be helps meet for each other, in refer-nce to both worlds; and that our love may be ncere without guile; pure without lust; and ısting without decay. O thou that fashionest

all hearts, unite our affections upon such just and worthy accounts as may make them firm and durable to the end. Wed us both to thy blessed self, as well as to one another, that our blessed marriage may be in the Lord, and not separate us from, but bring us nearer to our God. O grant us new supplies of thy grace for this new estate of our lives, that we may fill up the relation into which we are entering with all suitable duty; that we may not only be faithful, in still keeping the marriage-bed undefiled, but be mutual helps and comforts both in the temporal and spiritual concerns, and even conspire together to pleasure, and honour, and benefit one another: and, above all, to glorify and praise thee our God, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Husband's Prayer.

ACCEPT my humble thanks to thee, Lord my God, who hast provided a help meet for me that is thy gift, and such a one as thy good providence has appointed to be my partner in the nearest relation. O teach and enable me, in all things, to carry myself towards her as behoves and becomes me in this station; to love and cherish her as my own flesh; and not to despise her, not to be bitter against her, but to bear with her infirmities, and forbear her in love, and all gentleness. Nor let me insult over her as an inferior; but mildly use my authority, in treating her as my dear yoke-fellow and companion. Not rigid in opposing of her, *but,* comply with her, and condescending to *her in* all reasonable desires and expectation.

O make me meek and patient with her, faithful and kind to her, and well pleased and satisfied in her; that she may find the refreshment and benefit of my fellowship, and not bewail but rejoice in her choice; to forsake all others for my sake. O blessed Lord, espouse my dear friend to thyself, in loving kindness and faithfulness, and tender mercies. Bless her and love her, and make her lovely to thyself, and to all; especially make her like the king's daughter, glorious within, that she may not only appear well here, but be most blessed forever; and grant, O Lord our God, that we may be lovers of one another's souls, and promoters of each other's salvation; so that after a short conversation here, we may meet again with rejoicing there, where we shall never part, even in that fulness of joy which is in thy presence; where, though there be no marrying, nor giving in marriage, yet is there greater festivity and gladness than in any day of espousals; and all heavenly sweets, and the highest pleasure for evermore. *Amen.*

The Wife's Prayer.

O MY God, thou hast called me to this state of life, and it is the disposal of thy providence that I should be joined in wedlock with thy servant. I bless thee Lord, that thou hast dealt well with me, and provided graciously for me. O continue thy goodness to me, in giving me knowledge and grace to demean myself aright in this relation, that I may honour and obey the Lord in reverencing and obeying my husband; submitting to him in all things not forbidden by thee; speaking of him, and to him

with such words, to signify the high esteem & dear love that I have for him: and so corporate myself as to give him content, and increase his delight, that he may not only take pleasure in me, but be satisfied with me; and in any occasions of offence, with silence, or soft obliging words, let me quench the flames, so preserving peace. O give me the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit; such as may not only make me sweet and amiable at present, but also prevent all shameful and mischievous effects. O make me humble and modest, discreet and considerate, careful and diligent, faithful and constant, mild and patient; remembering not only the duties and comforts, but also the temptations and crosses of the married condition; and taking the worse with the better, as a part of my portion; still shewing myself a patron of wise and pious matrons in all things that are of good report, however I am tried with prosperity or adversity. Bless my dear partner, O Lord, with the best of thy blessings; and love him, and keep him in thy continual care, till thou bring him to thy heavenly kingdom. O bind us both in faithfulness to thee, as well as to one another: and as we are one flesh, so make us of one heart, and of one soul, that nothing but death may ever make a separation between us. And let us not hold together only upon the worldly account, but also, and especially upon the religious and godly; to admire, and love, and serve, and glorify, and please thee our God, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Woman in Travail.

O Almighty Lord God, who bringest to the birth, and givest strength to bring forth; w mercy we beseech thee, to thy servant, in time of her need and distress; and be not from her when trouble is nigh to her, and sore and heavy upon her; but let her expe- ıce thy help at hand, according to the neces- of her case. O mitigate the pangs, and ke them tolerable unto her; and support and eve her under the pain and pressure that are grievous to be borne by her. And grant her rd, a timely, safe, and happy deliverance of offspring wherewith she travails, that she may the fruit of her womb with such comfort and as may make her forget the past anguish and row; and with a truly thankful heart give e the glory of such thy mercy, who dost things rthy of God, and makest thy servants a way escape out of the dangers that threaten to de- oy them. Or shouldst thou turn things con- ry to these our desires, which we humbly pre- ıt before thee; shouldst thou refuse to hear us gging for the life of thy handmaid, and make s expected birth, prove the cause of her death; t hear us, O Lord, we earnesly pray thee, for r soul, that it may be safe in thy blessed hands: at she may be prepared for a better life; and ıd the best deliverance of all from all sin and isery, into the perfection of holiness, and the lness of joy; there to live in thy love, and to ng thy praise for evermore. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after a safe Delivery.

BLESSED for ever be thy name, O Lord, our gracious God, who rememberest us in our low estate, and dost not abhor the affliction of the afflicted; but hearest thy servants crying to thee in their distress, and sendest relief and help in time of need. O that we may praise thee Lord, as we ought, for such thy goodness and wonderful works to the children of men! Thou bringest down, and raisest up; thou givest trouble, and sendest comfort; throwest down under fears and griefs, and again revivest our hopes and joys. Thou, O God, art good in all, and worthy to be admired and praised in every dispensation of thy providence: but chiefly we are affected with thy seasonable aids of our misery, when thou givest us beauty for ashes, the oil of gladness for mourning, and the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness: so thou hast now, blessed be thy name! refreshed thy afflicted handmaid, and rejoiced the souls of thy servants. And here we offer up unto thee, O gracious Lord, all our devout acknowldgements of thy loving kindness; and the sacrifice of our unfeigned thanks and praise for this sweet reviving mercy, which is as life from the dead. O that thy hand-maid, and all of us, may be duly sensible of such favour from the Lord; and for all the great goodness, and these continual obligations from above, may we give thee all the love of our hearts, and the service of our lives, and the glory due to thy blessed name, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for our Children.

THE children, O Lord, my God, which thou hast given me, I return, and surrender them up to thee. O that they may know thee, and be owned by thee, every one from the greatest to the least. Pour out thy spirit upon my soul, and thy blessing upon my offspring: make them, Lord, thy children by adoption and spiritual regeneration. O take possession of their hearts, and season their tender years with thy heavenly grace; and teach those who have the teaching of them, that they may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and trained up in the way they should go. I have helped to bring them into the world, children of wrath: O that thou wouldst make me instrumental to set them up in thy church, the children of thy grace. Lord have mercy upon them, and speak life to their souls, and whatsoever else they want: O let them have thy grace and the portion of thy children. My God! be thou a gracious Father to them, and a merciful Provider for them in all estates, all affairs and events of their lives. Dispose of them, and whatever concerns them, to thy glory and to the promoting of their everlasting salvation.

Shouldst thou take them from hence before me, O fit them for thee; and make me willing to resign them to thee: or if thou take me from them, O my Lord, take them up, and be an infinitely better Father to them when I am gone. O keep them from the evil of this world, and conduct and bring them safe thro'

it to a better: take thou care even of their temporal concerns, and chuse their inheritance for them, that they may find convenient being here, and an easy passage through the present life; but especially, my God, take care of their souls, and give them the blessed treasure in heaven, that when they shall be deprived of all here, they may be taken into the glorious kingdom above, to live with thee, and all the heavenly host, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for our Parents.

O LORD God, my heavenly Father, I here prostrate myself before thee, to beg thy blessing, grace, and mercy, upon my earthly parents. Cast them not away in the time of their old age; forsake them not when their strength fails them; but have compassion, Lord, on their infirmities, and help them in all their weakness. O remember not against them any of their former iniquities; but according to thy mercy remember them, for thy goodness' sake in Jesus Christ. O that the true wisdom may be with them, and abundance of thy grace upon them, that their hoary heads may be found in the way of righteousness, and their souls be ever precious in thy sight. O let goodness and mercy follow them all the days of their life; let their last days be their best days; and the longer they live here in the world, make them still the readier to die, and the fitter to live with thy blessed Self, in the glorious life eternal. O be thou their Guide until death, in death their support and comfort, and when

heart and-flesh, and all here, shall fail them, O do thou never fail them, but be the strength of their heart, and their portion for evermore.—*Amen.*

The Widow's Prayer.

O Ever-living and all disposing God! thou hast taken from me the friend of my bosom, that was even as my own soul; and by the want now taught me the worth of that blessing which I was not so thankful for, nor so careful as I ought, to use and improve in the enjoyment to thy glory. I submit to thy overruling hand, which is always just, though sometimes heavy, as now I feel it upon me. O deliver me, Lord, from the sins which are the cause of thy displeasure; and forgive me all wherein ever I have failed towards my dear partner.——He was thy gift, and it was thy goodness that I enjoyed, and thy help and comfort that I found in him; who canst supply to me, by thyself, what I received from thee by his hands: for thou art still the same eternal fountain of goodness, whatever means of conveyance thou cuttest off from us. O pity me, Lord, under the breach which thou hast been pleased to make upon me, and support me in the dejection of my heart, and guide and comfort me in all the perplexity of my thoughts.—Withdraw not thou thyself from me, O my God, now trouble is upon me; but make even the bitter dispensation a happy occasion to bring me nearer to thyself, by removing that which lay betwixt thee and my heart, and to

raise this heart of mine from the present world to a better, where I hope my dear friend is now with the Lord; that as a widow indeed, and desolate, and deprived of former helps, I may trust in God, and continue in supplications and prayers night and day. O thou that hast a peculiar care, and tender regard for the widows, be pleased to espouse my concerns, and direct my path, and shew me what I have to do, and fit me for, and assist me in, every duty now incumbent upon me. O let my Maker be my husband to teach me, to help, defend, and comfort me; to deal graciously with me, and to be all in all to me; and bring me safe, O my God, through this vale of misery to the blessed kingdom of thy glory, for the sake of thy beloved Son, my only Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Orphan's Prayer.

O LORD my God, thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb, and art pleased to style thyself, in a peculiar manner, the Father of the fatherless: now am I left unto thee, my eyes are upon thee, and I desire to pour out my soul before thee, entreating thy gracious favor to have compassion on me, and leave me not desolate, exposed to the wants and mischiefs, and dangers of this wicked and miserable world: but when my father and mother have forsaken me, O Lord, do thou take me up, and be a Father, and the best of Fathers to me, and still a gracious Provider for me. Guide me, O my heavenly Father, and

my friends also, that are concerned in the disposing of me and my affairs. O be thou pleased to chuse my inheritance for me; and order me, and all that concerns me, to thy glory, and to the promoting of my present welfare, and my everlasting happiness. Direct my designs, that they may be agreeable to thy blessed will; and bless and prosper my undertakings and endeavours, that they may succeed according to my desire, and so as to give me occasion for thy praise. My Lord, I commit myself unto thee, O be thou my God and Guide, even unto death: be ever watchful over me for good, and preserve and keep me, and conduct and lead me, in all the variety of estates and affairs of this life, till thou hast brought me to inherit the blessed portion of thy children, in that most sweet and glorious life, which shall never fail. Grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, my only Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Aged's Prayer.

O LORD of my life, thou art my God from the womb, my hope and trust from my youth; by thee I was brought into the world, and upon thee have I lived all my days. O with what patience and long-suffering hast thou endured me, and with what loving-kindness and tender mercies still prevented and followed me! How many have I seen snatched out of this life, as I fear, miserably unprovided for their death; whereas thou prolongest my days, and, together with more days, still addest new mercies to my life. O that it may be in mercy

to my soul that I am suffered to live so long in the world! that as my life is lengthened out, so all that concerns my salvation may be filled up, that I may redeem the time, and improve all the opportunities and means of grace which thou art pleased to put into my hands for the best profit and advantage of my soul, that my age may be the good old age; and the remaining time of my sojourning here, the best of all my time.

Though my sight is dim to the world, let my eyes be ever towards the Lord, and open to see the things of my peace; though my ears are dull of hearing, let my heart be attentive to thy calls, and to hear thy voice, while it is called to-day. Though I cannot, as formerly, relish the pleasure of meat and drink, yet let me taste the goodness of the Lord, and savour the things of the Spirit of God, and hunger and thirst after righteousness and those pleasures which are at thy right hand for evermore.

And though my limbs are weak, and my strength will not serve me to travel abroad as I have done; yet make me strong in the Lord, to do thy work, and walk in thy ways, and to perform my great journey home to my house eternal in the heavens; and seeing there is no man that liveth and shall not see death, and the longer I have escaped it the nearer I am now to it, and shall one day certainly fall by it, and must every day reckon upon it, and know not but my soul this night may be required of me; O let not my length of days tempt me to forget their end, or to put my last day far from

me; but let me keep it ever in my prospect, as drawing nigh to me, that I may order all my concerns, not only like a stranger and sojourner with thee, as my fathers were; but as a dying man, and ready to drop into the grave, waiting, watching, and preparing for the coming of the Lord; that, at thy coming, thou mayest find me so doing.

And because I am old in sins, as well as in years, pulled down with iniquity, as well as with age, and the number of my transgressions exceeds not only my years and days, but even the hours of my life, and the hairs of my head. Where I cannot, alas! pretend to my innocence, O my gracious Lord, give me true repentance, and that godly sorrow for my sins, which may prevent my going down in a worse sorrow to my grave. Thou hast saved many old sinners, O God, be so merciful to me a sinner. Put all my sins upon the account of thy dear Son, and wash me thoroughly from them, in the fountain of his precious blood: especially, O merciful Lord, acquit and discharge me from the sins that lie heaviest upon me, and that make the thoughts of death and judgment most frightful to me. O give me, Lord, some tokens for good, that I shall find such mercy at thy hands, that I may depart in peace, and finish my course with joy, and, in the end of my life be numbered among the redeemed and blessed of the Lord, through the tender mercies of my God, and the all-sufficient merits of my only Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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a lover and follower of such as are good and godly, and a pattern of all that is commendable for other's imitation. O God thou knowest my foolishness, and seest how weak I am; O look not upon my follies, nor remember the sins of my youth; but have pity on my infirmities, and pass by my failings. And thou, that out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, O magnify thy power in my weakness, and make me a profitable member of society, and the instrument of thy glory. Leave me not O Lord, to myself, in the hands of my own counsel; but let me be taught of God how to behave myself, and what to do; and take thou the gracious charge and guidance, and government of me: and keep my heart still in thy fear and love; and direct all my ways to please thee my God, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be used by the Rich and Great.

O Lord, the gracious giver of all our good things! thou hast opened thy hand to me in a bountiful manner, and givest me all things plenteously to enjoy: so that I am full, and abound in the store wherein many of my neighbours are indigent and wanting: O that this plenty which I have for my body, may be in mercy and love to my soul! and that I may not be put off with my portion in this life, nor rest in the gifts, forgetting and slighting the blessed Giver! for better I never had the world's good, if I am never the better for it. And the more I have, the sadder account I shall make, if do not good to myself and others with it. The

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ıeavenly grace and love, and count all things ›ut loss and dung, that I may win Christ, and ›e rich in good works, and abound in the fruits ›f righteousness. As thou fillest me with thy ;ood things, so fill my heart with thy love and ;race, to use every gift aright to thy glory, who hast made me so much to differ from nultitudes of poor creatures here in the world, O let me not despise any above whom thy dis-inguished kindness has raised me; but give ne a heart to condescend to them of low es-ate: and amidst all my plenty, to be cloathed with humility, and forward to all the offices of :harity; ready to communicate, willing to dis-ribute, laying up in store the good foundation ıgainst the time to come, that I may lay hold ›n eternal life; and so making me friends of he untighteous Mammon, that when I fail, hey may receive me into everlasting habita-ions.

Whatsoever I have in the world, O that I nay have it, Lord, with thy leave and love, ıanctified to me by the word of God and ›rayer, and by a right use and conscientious improvement of it to the honour of thy name, from whom every good and perfect gift does descend. O let me never gain the world at the hazard and loss of my soul; but rather than so, let me be stript of all which I have in this life, that I may inherit the heavenly treasure and life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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And the less I have of this world, O let me be in greater care to lay out and labour for an infinitely better; that I who have no inheritance upon earth, may be made meet to be a partaker of the inheritance of thy saints in light; that I may not lose both worlds, nor pass from my small things here, to be out of all for ever; but may have my treasure in heaven, and thy blessed Self, O Lord, to be my portion for ever: being found among those poor of this world whom thou hast chosen, that are rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which thou hast promised to them that love thee.

And blessed be thy name, O righteous God, that with thee there is no respect of persons; but the poor are as capable of it as the rich: yea, when it is so hard for the rich to enter, that thou hast put out of my way many of the snares and temptations that hinder others: and my poverty cannot keep me out of thy glory; but when I am also poor in spirit, as well as low in the world, I have thy promise of the kingdom of heaven. My God! grant me that poverty of spirit, and those better things that accompany salvation: and then, how short soever I am kept in this life, thy will be done! Though I have nothing to depend upon in the world, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation; having thee for my God, and chiefest good, and my most gracious Father, in Jesus Christ.——O Lord,

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even of my servants; but with patience and fairness hear them, and give unto them that which is just and equal, knowing that I also have a Master in heaven. Let me not insult over any that are under the yoke, nor be severe and cruel to them, nor oppress and defraud them in their wages, nor any rewards or encouragements that they may justly expect from me. But let my dealings with them, and my usage of them, be upright and candid, merciful and kind; taking care of their bodies and their souls, of their maintenance and their carriage, and all that concerns them, as their benign patron and their faithful friend; and treating them with all due regard, as my brethren and fellow servants, and my equals in the worship of God, with whom is no respect of persons. O give me, Lord, an understanding heart, and prudent conduct, and such a spirit of government, that I may go in and out before thy people, as one that is taught of God, and commanding nothing but in the Lord, according to thy will, and for the advancement of thy glory.

O bless my house, Lord, and preserve it from vice and ungodliness, and from all disorders and dangers, and make it a nursery of virtue and piety, and all that is exemplary and of good report. Direct, O God, and help us every one in the discharge of our several offices, that we may employ ourselves as we ought, and with quietness do our own business; never forgetting, but above all respecting and pursuing the great work of the Lord, for which

thou didst send us into the world. O keep us all evermore in thy fear and love, safe under thy tuition, and upon the holy way to thy heavenly kingdom, through thy mercy to us all, in our common Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—*Amen.*

The Servant's Prayer.

O GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth! it is the ordination of thy good providence that there should be various ranks and degrees of men, and that I should be disposed of in the station where now I am. Wherefore I submit, Lord, to thy most wise appointment of all things, and desire, with content and thankfulness, to accept of my portion, how low soever in the world. If my blessed Redeemer, who is Lord of all, would take upon him the form of a servant, and condescend even to the meanest offices, for the service of our souls: O why should I be aggrieved to be a servant under the yoke, when in serving man as I ought, I do also serve the Lord; and though bound to others, I may be the Lord's freeman: yea, in faithfully discharging the duties of my place, I shall be as acceptable to my God as any that enjoy the highest station. I leave it to thee, O Lord of all, to chuse my inheritance for me: only I beg at thy hands, that my lot may fall where my soul may prosper, though I work or fare the harder: for if my soul do well, I shall be for ever happy.—If my heart be right with God, I shall have his blessed countenance and love; and if I

be found in the way of righteousness, I shall be exalted in due time, however abased at present. O my supreme Lord, let it not be so much my care to get higher in the world as to get more in thy favour, wherein is life. Let it be more my concern to fill my place, and discharge my duty with faithfulness, than to change it for more ease, profit or honor.

O let me not be the servant of sin, but enjoy the blessed liberty wherewith Christ Jesus sets all his people free; the liberty from sinful bondage, the liberty to follow my Lord carefully, and to run the way of thy commands with an enlarged heart. And, Lord, be thou pleased to fit me for, and teach and help me in the service to which I am called; that I may perform it to the glory of thy name, to the pleasure and welfare of those whom I serve, and my own true advantage and comfort. O make me true and faithful, careful and diligent, humble and obedient, meek and patient, fair and peaceable; doing the business of my place, not with eye-service as a man-pleaser, but in singleness of heart, fearing God. Not cross and forward, but apt to bear and deny myself; not answering again, to stir up wrath; but, with silence and submission, following the things that make for peace; not debasing my master to set off myself; nor doing him any damage, for my own filthy lucre, or fleshly pleasure, but tendering his credit and interest as one that would be found faithful in the sight of my God, who evermore seest in secret, and searchest the very heart: and make me, I beseech thee, such

every way towards thee, that thou mayest mercifully accept me, and all my service for the sake of thy beloved Son, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Soldier's Prayer.

O LORD God of Hosts! who hast all the creatures in heaven and in earth ready to fight thy battles, and execute thy pleasure; thou didst not sow any seeds of enmity in our nature but didst create man endued with all the principles of love, and dispositions of peace. It is from our lust and sins that the wars and fightings come among us. First we fell out with our God, and our own happiness; and ever since it is a contentious quarrelsome world that we live in, where restless men are jostling one another, and striving for that ease and content which the world has not for them. Now that I am in this military station, O Lord, instruct and enable me to behave myself therein as I ought. O make me the faithful soldier of Jesus Christ, in that spiritual warfare wherein I am to combat with the enemies that war against my soul. And that I may have peace with my God, let me have no peace with my sins, nor any part or consent with the rebels against Heaven; nor be carried away with any ungodly examples, into such wickedness, against which thou, O God, hast declared thy wrath from heaven.—O grant that I may never so strive with my Maker, nor allow myself in such a habit of mind, and course of life, as are enmity against

God; but ever dread more to fall into thy hands than theirs, that can but kill the body; and shew myself the more zealous for thee, the more I see others set themselves against thee. O Lord most High; make me valiant for thy cause, as well as that for man, wherein I am now engaged. And preserve me, O my God, from the blasphemy, the lewdness and debauchery, the rudeness and violence that are most incident to men of this profession; that I may not be infected with their contagion, but preserve my integrity, amidst all the temptations wherewith I am surrounded.

Though the sword is in my hand, let the peace of God rule in my heart; and though I am a soldier, let me not be a man of blood, delighting in war; but a ready servant of my country, a faithful instrument for our common defence and safety, and a dutiful subject to the powers ordained of God, for the Lord's sake. O my Strength and my Redeemer, strengthen my heart and hands for the service to which I am called; and make me successful and victorious through thy blessing and power from on high.

It is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety: O cover my head in the day of battle, and in all times of danger, be thou my shield and buckler. And either keep the evil from me, or arm me for it, that I may not be ruined by it, but gain good out of it, and find bodily hurts making for the good of my soul; and even the temporal death but a gate opened to eternal life. And seeing I go with my life in my hands, and am more exposed than other

men to dangers and death, O make me more careful of my soul, more mindful of my latter end, and more diligent to put and keep myself in a preparation and readiness to die. And whether I prosper or miscarry in the attempts, and enterprizes wherein I am now concerned, O let my soul be ever precious in thy sight, and safe in thy hands. Help me, O my supreme Commander, thou great Captain of our salvation, so to live, that I may find it the greatest gain to die: and let me go on, as Christ's faithful soldier, so conquering and to conquer the enemies of thy glory, and the hindrances of my own and other's salvation, that having overcome I may sit down in thy kingdom, and triumph in thy sweet love, and in thy heavenly joy, and the most glorious praises, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Melancholy and Dejected.

O Most good and gracious Lord! thou knowest our frame, and art a God full of compassion, to pay and relieve thy servants under their trouble and oppression. Look down, we humbly pray thee, with thy wonted pity, and remember in tender mercy the work of thine hands, our disconsolate friend; this troubled soul, that is even distracted in suffering thy terrors; while thy wrath lies hard upon him, and all thy waves and billows are gone over him, to disturb his peace, and oppress his mind and unfit him rightly to use his reason, or discharge his duty. O thou that speakest the winds

and waves into obedience and calmness, settle and calm his discomposed breast; speak peace and satisfaction to his troubled mind; and give him comfort and sweet repose, in the sense of thy pardon and love. Lord, help his unbelief, and increase his faith, that he may not be faithless, but believing. Though he now walks in darkness and has no light, let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. In the multitude of the thoughts and sorrows that he has in his heart, O let thy comforts come in to refresh his soul. Be thou pleased, Lord, to deliver and ease him of the load that lies upon his spirit; and let in the beam of thy heavenly light, to scatter and dispel all the clouds and darkness in which his mind is wrapt up. O direct to the means most proper for his help, and bless and prosper them, so that they may be efficacious to promote his recovery out of this low and doleful estate. Incline his ears to wholesome counsels, and fashion his heart to receive due impressions. O gracious Father! pity his frailty, and forgive his iniquity; and heal him, Lord, both in soul and body; rebuking his distemper so that his disquieted soul may return to its rest. O raise him up, and make him whole. Yea, make haste, O Lord, to shew such mercy upon him, even for thy own mercy's sake in Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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pleasest; and thou art holy and righteous in all that ever thou dost. Though the reason and meaning of many of thy works are unknown to us, yet still thou knowest well what thou hast to do; and we must be dumb, and open not our mouths, when it is thy doing. The stroke which thou hast laid upon thy poor creature would be just upon any of us; and we must acknowledge it owing only to thy mercy, that it is any better with us. But in tender compassion of his pitiable condition, we take upon us to beg thy merciful relief in his behalf. For thou Lord, that givest sense and discretion, canst as easily renew them when impaired: and thou that madest thy servant out of nothing, canst also bring him to himself again, and help him to use his reason aright as he ought.

O dispel the clouds in which now his soul is wrapped up, that he may come to a good understanding of himself, and the things of his peace; reduce and heal the broken and crazed faculties, or else settle and quiet them, pacify and compose them. Have pity we beseech thee, O Lord, upon him, and impute not unto him any thing that is now said or done amiss by him; but in mercy pass by it, as if it had not been said or done at all.

O that thou wouldst direct to some means for help in this case, and make him tractable to the use of remedies, and willing and ready to comply with the advice of his friends, till he shall be in a better capacity to manage and help himself: and where no means will reach to work the cure, thou that canst open the doors which

are barred against us, and art never at such a loss but thou knowest how to deliver; O reveal thy glorious arm, without means, to bring salvation from above, and do the work worthy of God, to command that deliverance which is out of our prospect to see effected; that thy name may have all the glory of such thy great and wonderful mercy in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for insensible Sinners.

O LORD, the great Almighty God, who quickenest the dead, and callest those things that are not as if they were: with thee nothing is impossible, but the things that resist all the skill and power of man, thy divine virtue and glorious operation, with the greatest facility, brings to pass. Thou, the living God, canst speak life to souls dead in trespasses and sins; and make even such as lie in the grave of all their habitual corruptions, hear the voice of the Son of God, and live. It is the great work of thy eternal Spirit, Lord, to convince the world of sin, and to make inconsiderate careless sinners to know themselves, and be concerned as they ought about the case of their souls. O that these poor insensible wretches, who have sinned themselves even past feeling, may find such mercy from the Lord, and yet come to feel in themselves that irresistible force of thy hand. O that thou wouldst open their eyes to see their case, and soften their hearts to bewail their sins, and turn their course to flee from the wrath to come!——Blessed Lord, awaken them with thy terrors before they be

overtaken by thy judgments! O break in upon their souls by thy mighty convictions, to set them in bitterness for their sins; and let thy quick and powerful word pierce into their hearts, to make them cry and seek out, What they must do to be saved!

O if they did but apprehend their case, and know their transgressions, that they remain so remorseless and unconcerned as if nothing were amiss with them, and that can indulge themselves in pleasure and mirth, as if they were in the happiest condition, would soon be struck down into the deepest heaviness and consternation, refusing to be comforted, and go mourning all the day long, yea, even roar for the disquietness of their hearts. O God of all grace, be thou pleased in mercy to show such seeming severity, to write bitter things against them, and make them confess their former iniquities, and to feel now the weight and horror of all their sins, that they may not feel it eternally, when past remedy.

Direct and empower thy messengers, Lord, to speak home to their conviction, crying aloud, and not sparing to shew them their transgressions and their sins. Yea, make thy word in thy servants' mouths as fire, to enflame and rouze the consciences of such drowsy secure sinners, that they may come to perceive what a forlorn lost condition they are in, and be restless in themselves, till coming unto Christ, labouring and heavy laden under the load of their sins, in him they find rest for their souls. O thou Almighty God! do marvellous things,

worthy of thyself, in taking away that which blinds the minds and hardens the hearts of such stupid creatures; and bring them out of the worst lethargy and deadness to understand themselves, and seek after God, and to take and follow the way of peace with thee, thro' our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The condemned Malefactor's Prayer.

OUT of the depths do I cry to thee, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice! let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand! but there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared: therefore I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in thy word do I hope. Though my sins have found me out, and brought me to shame, and they are heinous beyond expression, and the thought and remembrance of them fills me with horror and confusion; yet I believe, Lord help my unbelief, they are not greater than thy Son has satisfied for, nor greater than thy mercy in him can set me clear from, as bad and sad as ever I have made my case. Wo is me, vile and wretched that I am, so foolishly and wickedly that I have done! yet it is not past thy help and care, O Lord God Almighty, who at the lowest canst raise, and at the worst art able to relieve us. Except we repent, thou hast told us that we shall perish; but upon repentance, thou hast promised thy gracious forgiveness. And though sin has abounded, yet when we forsake our wicked ways and thoughts

and return to the Lord our God, thou hast promised to have mercy upon us, and abundantly to pardon.

He that believeth not on the Son of God is condemned with a worse condemnation than what I now lie under. But it is thy own most true and faithful word, O Lord, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life; and that he who confesseth and forsaketh his sins, shall have mercy. Tho' I cannot find such mercy now at man's tribunal, yet I beg it of thee, the Father of mercies, who art the Helper of the friendless, and dost not reject the cry even of fools in their distress, though because of their sins they are afflicted, but rememberest us in our low estate, out of that mercy of thine which endures for ever. O thou that hast promised to forgive every penitent sinner, make me, Lord, I beseech thee, one of that number. O touch my heart with true remorse, that it may melt and bleed for my sins, and become such a broken contrite heart as thou wilt not despise.

O that the doleful circumstances which I am in may be turned, through the riches of thy grace, into a happy occasion of converting my soul, and perfecting my repentance, and promoting my salvation! This is a time of shame and sorrow with me; but help me, good God, so to repent and be converted, that my sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.—For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon my sin, for it is great; too great for any but the God

of infinite goodness and love to give me a merciful discharge from: and that thou mayest have the everlasting glory, and my soul the refreshing fruit of thy mercy, O Lord, prepare me for it by such a serious repentance as thy holy word requires of sinners, and such as thy goodness in Christ Jesus will mercifully accept at my hands. What is past I cannot recall; but thou, Lord, canst remit it, and give me grace to repent it. O give me such sound repentance for my sins, that thou mayest also give me full pardon of them; and never lay them to my charge, but upon the account of thy beloved Son, our blessed Saviour, who came to seek and to save that which was lost; and who himself suffered and died once, that we might not suffer and die eternally. O wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin, in that fountain opened for sin and uncleanness, the precious blood of the immaculate Lamb of God, slain to take away the sins of the world, that thou mayest not abhor my soul, as I have justly deserved; but of thy wonderful mercy accept me, in the Son of thy eternal love, in whom thou art well pleased.

My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death; O most gracious Lord! grant that my sorrow may be the godly sorrow; not only a sorrowing for the bitter consequences of my sin, but for the sin itself, and for my wicked offending of thee, my great Lord God, as I have done. O blessed Jesus, who camest to call sinners to repentance, and thyself didst hang upon the cross, and shew thy compassion

and great salvation upon the poor malefactor there suffering, remember me now in such mercy, Lord, for thy own mercy's sake. O Son of David, have mercy upon me. Both now and ever, vouchsafe to hear me, O Christ; graciously hear me, O Lord Christ; and let thy mercy be shewed upon me, as I do put my trust in thee. O glorify this thy mercy in my salvation, and not thy justice in my destruction.

Though confusion is now my portion, yet help me, Lord, so to bear thy just indignation, and to obtain such benefit to my soul, out of the punishment of my body, that I may not hereafter awake to shame and everlasting contempt. And though I am now under the sentence of a temporal death, yet spare my soul, O most merciful Lord, and deliver me not into the bitter pains of eternal death. O that I may have all the shame, and sorrow, and evil things in this life, that thou mayest spare me forever; and shew forth all the wonders of thy grace, and power, and mercy to prepare me for, and snpport me under the deserved punishment which I am shortly to suffer, and to give me hope in my death, even in this infamous death; and after death some part in thy kingdom, if but to be the least and lowest in the house of my God, for the sake of thy own tender mercies, and for the infinite merits of the great Redeemer of the world, my only Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen, Amen.*

Prayer and Praise upon the Occasion of our blessed Saviour's Coming into the World.

BLESSING, and honour, and glory, and power, be to him that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever.—O Lord God of our salvation! thou hast remembered us in our low estate, out of that mercy of thine which endures forever. Thou hast raised up a great salvation and mighty deliverance for us; to heal the sinful, to help the miserable, and to save that which was lost. No one but thy blessed Self, O Lord, the gracious Giver, knows the greatness of that gift, which thou hast conferred upon us, (the greatest that thou couldst give, or man receive) in giving thy only Son to be our Almighty Saviour, to deliver us from the eternal miseries of hell, and to make us meet to be partakers of the heavenly inheritance of thy saints in light. O how wonderful have been the designs of thy love, and the counsels of thy wisdom, to recover our poor lost souls, and to work for them a salvation worthy of God! that God should be manifested in the flesh, to destroy the works of the devil; and that the eternally beloved of thy soul should be made Son of Man, to make us, sinful men, the children of God! O what manner of love has the Father bestowed upon us! exceeding all that ever we are able to say of it! O that we and all men may praise thee, Lord, for thy goodness, and such thy wonderful works to the children of men; that we may ever, with all admiration, and reverence, and thankfulness,

receive and ponder this great mystery of godliness; and that we may return the glory of salvation up to thee, who hast sent the joy of salvation down to us, that our souls may magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour; and blessed be the Lord God of Israel, that has so visited and redeemed his people.

And now that thou hast laid help upon one that is mighty, and found a ransom for us, and made the all-sufficient provision to save us; O help thou us, Lord our God, as we ought, to entertain and welcome the joyful news, that Jesus Christ is come into the world to save sinners. Father of mercies, prepare us for the blessed Saviour which thou hast prepared for us: that he who came into the world in the fulness of time, may come into our souls with the fulness of his grace, and with all the blessings and consolations of his coming: and that as he was miraculously formed in the Virgin's womb, he may be spiritually formed in our hearts. O thou great Lord, and lover of our souls! remember our souls in mercy, with the favour which thou bearest to thy people; and visit us with the joy of thy salvation. O make the way of our salvation plain before us, that we may know where our help lies, and what we must do to be saved. And incline and quicken us, O Lord, with all readiness to take that way, and to embrace that grace of God which brings salvation; and to comply with the gracious designs of thy mercy, to do us the greatest good, and to make us forever happy. O blessed Saviour, be thou an

effectual Saviour to us; and save us from the wrath to come. So redeem us here from all iniquity, that hereafter thou mayest redeem us from everlasting misery. Thou camest down to earth, to raise us up to heaven; and tookest our nature, to make us partakers of thine. O that we may experience the mighty power of thy salvation upon us, to heal our depraved natures, to sanctify our sinful souls, and to make us such lovers and followers of thy holy ways, that we may have in us Christ the hope of glory and those good things of thy spirit, which do accompany salvation. And for all the great and strange things which thou hast so graciously done for us, in revealing thy salvation, and opening the doors of hope to us, and putting us in the way to that blissful end of our faith, the eternal salvation of our souls, which thou hast purchased for us. Unto thee, O blessed God, our Saviour, in the unity of the ever glorious Trinity, be all thanks and praise, and honour and glory, rendered by us, and all thy church, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer on the Occasion of our blessed Saviour's Death.

O GOD the Father of mercies, and of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom every mercy is vouchsafed and derived unto us; thou didst create us after thy own blessed image, in a holy and happy estate, but we have defaced thy first handy-work, and put ourselves not only in a case of strangeness unto thee, but of enmity against thee; in Adam all die; and by the

offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation: yet thou hast not used us as enemies, to leave us in the sad ruins of our fall, but hadst an eye of pity to us, lying in our blood, to bid us live: though thy own eternal beloved Son was fain to die, to save us from that everlasting death which is the due wages of our sins, yet him thou sparedst not, that thou mightest spare us, and make us the eternal monuments of thy saving mercy. O what amazing unspeakable love is this, that even when enemies we should be reconciled to God by the death of his Son! but O the cursed nature of sin, to be hated with a perfect hatred, that had need of such an atonement! O the dreadful justice of God, how should we ever stand in awe of it! that required such a satisfaction! O the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that would redeem our poor lost souls at such a costly rate! and shed his own precious blood to save us! And O the precious death of our Lord Redeemer, to be had in everlasting remembrance! By it we abide, and upon that we depend for the pardon of all our sins, and for our whole acceptance with God, both here and forever. Tho' we could not satisfy thy justice, O God, for our sins, should we suffer eternally; yet thy Son has satisfied in full, and nothing at all remain on their score for whom thou art pleased to accept his infinite satisfaction. And seeing there is a Balm in Gilead, and a Physician that is able to heal us, O let not our souls be unhealed: let not the great things which our Lord Redeemer hath done and endured for poor lost sinners, be

ost unto us; but let the same be mercifully accepted upon our account, and for our sins. O et not the blood of Jesus Christ, as to us, be shed in vain; but let it purge and purify us from all our sins, and make our peace with thee, the ust and holy God, against whom we have greatly sinned; that we may be healed by his stripes, and find his death unto us the savour of life.

Though we are sinful and unclean, yet what pollution and defilement cannot this Fountain, opened for sin and uncleanness, wash and cleanse us from! having therefore such an allsufficient Saviour to repair to, we will not be faithless, but believing that Christ is our Lord, and our God, who loved and redeemed us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood. O that we may know him and the fellowship of his sufferings, and be so conformable to his death, that it may mortify the corruption of our nature, and the lusts that war in our members; and crucify the world unto us, and us to the world! The Lord pardon all our forgetfulness and disregard, and contempt of thy affection to us, and thy affliction for us; and make us to know more of the love wherewith thou hast oved us; and touch our hearts with such a powerful sense of thy love, that we may make better returns of love to the great Lord and over of our souls; and that we may not forget or slight such unparalleled kindness and love of God our Saviour, stronger than death and better than life. O that the life which we now ive may be by the faith of the Son of God, who oved us, and gave himself for us! O let us

not live any longer than we may abound in thy love. Blessed Lord; let this be ever prefered above our chief joy; and let nothing in the world ever be so dear to us as the altogether lovely Jesus, who has given the highest demonstration of love that ever could be given to our poor lost souls. And to thee our Almighty Redeemer, and sweet Saviour, be all the praise and glory given most humbly and heartily, now and eternally. *Amen. Amen.*

Prayer and Praise on the Occasion of our blessed Saviour's Resurrection.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy, has begotten us again to a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; and behold he is alive for evermore, *Amen;* and has the keys of death and of hell. The Lord liveth, and blessed be our Rock, and let the God of our Salvation be exalted. He that bore our griefs, and carried our sorrows, has wrought eternal redemption for us: with his own right hand and holy arm hath he got himself the victory; having loosed the bands of death, because it was impossible he should be holden by them. The glorious Son of Righteousness is risen with healing in his wings: and hath shewed that he is able to save himself, and to save to the uttermost all that come to God through him. Our eyes therefore are to thee, O Lord, our Strength, and our Redeemer, who hast all power in heaven and in earth to whom nothing is impossible or difficult; who

quickenest the dead, even souls dead in sin, as well as bodies dead in the grave; and hast life in thyself, to give it to whomsoever thou wilt. O that we may know thee, and the power of thy resurrection! and that we may feel it efficacious, to raise us out of the grave of our sinful corruptions, to newness and holiness of life! that having part in the first resurrection, the second death may have no power over us. Speak death to our sins, O Lord, that our souls may live, and forever bless thy name. Thou, O Christ, art our life; and in thee is all fulness of whatever we want. O give us the life which thou camest that we might have, and let us have it more abuudantly: yea, such a life from thee as may enable us to live unto thee, and that entirely and chearfully, even as long as we have any life and being. *Amen.*

Prayer and Praise on the Occasion of our blessed Saviour's Ascension.

THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ; thou hast ascended on high, and dragged the infernal foes after thy triumphant Chariot. And thou art exalted far above all principalities and powers, and enthroned in the highest glory in thy heavenly kingdom, where saints, and angels, and all the host of heaven, do admire and adore thee. Be thou exalted, Lord, and reign in the greatness of thy power and majesty, till thou hast brought all enemies in subjection under thy feet. But, Lord, remember us, now thou art in thy kingdom, where thou rulest and reignest on high. O regard the suppli-

cations, and relieve the necessities of thy poor subjects and servants here below. Save, Lord, and let the King of Heaven hear us when we call. And O that we may feel the powerful attraction of thy Grace and Holy Spirit, to draw up our minds and desires from the poor perishing enjoyments here below, to those most glorious and everlasting attainments above, where thou sittest at the right hand of God. O let us lay our treasure, and have our conversation with thee in heaven: and so love thy appearing, and desire to be dissolved and to be with Christ, that when Christ who is our life, shall appear, we may also appear with him in glory: and after our ascending and dwelling above in heart and spirit, we may at last personally ascend, in soul and body, to be ever with the Lord; there together with thy whole triumphant church, to see and admire, and love and bless, and praise and glorify thee, O blessed God our Saviour, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer on the Occasion of the coming of the Holy Ghost.

O THOU infinite, eternal Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who workest all in all, and especially workest and abidest in the hearts and souls of men! pardon, we beseech thee, all our resisting of thy motions, and quenching the flames which thou hast ever enkindled in our breasts. And be pleased so to enlighten our minds, and purify our hearts, that we may be fit to receive and entertain thee, as the Guide and Comforter of our souls. O blessed

Truth! lead us into all truth; and bring all needful things out of the word to our remembrance; and set them home powerfully upon our hearts, to influence our lives, and to do us good, in every time of our need. O work, Lord, the grace that is not in us; and establish and increase what thou hast already wrought upon us. Excite and stir us up to all good; and enable us for the performance of it, and engage us to consider and persist in it.

O come down, Lord, as fire upon us, to consume our dross, and make clean our hearts, and inflame them with heavenly love, that we may rightly relish thy holy things, and be lively in following of thy holy ways. O be thou a powerful principle of life, and light, and love, and of all grace and holiness in our souls, to clear and illuminate our minds, to spiritualize and raise up our affections; to pacify and compose our consciences; and to bring our souls out of every dangerous, self-destroying course, into the paths of righteousness—and that way of life which is above to the wise, to depart from hell beneath. O blessed Lord, restrain us from grieving the Holy Spirit of God, whereby we are sealed to the day of redemption; and cast us not away from thy presence. Take not thy Holy Spirit from us. O make us so tractable to his holy motions, that we may experience his heavenly consolations. And let the joy in the Holy Ghost be more to us than all the pleasures of the world. O blessed Spirit! be thou ever with our spirits, to heal our distempers, and help our infirmities, and work

mightily upon our hearts by thy grace, till our souls are fitted for that glory which is unspeakable and everlasting. *Amen.*

A Prayer on the Commemoration of any Saint.

O GOD of all grace, who art pleased to call out of this present world a peculiar people to thyself; and so far to discover thy grace, and pour out thy Spirit upon many of thy servants, to make them shine as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation; eminent in all praise-worthy things, and great examples to the rest of mankind! We bless thy name, O Lord, that thou hast not left this miserable world destitute of such helps and patterns, both to shew us a more excellent way than the way of the world; and also to shew us how practicable is our duty; and what encouragement we have to take the holy good way, wherein others with such happy success have gone before us; that we, in our sluggishness, might be excited to be followers of them, as they were of Christ. And seeing we are encompassed with so great a cloud of witnesses, O that we may lay aside every weight, and the sin that does most easily beset us, and run with patience the race set before us! Teach and enable us, O King of Saints, to make the good use and advantage of thy gifts and graces, shining forth in the inoffensive useful lives of such as have given thy holy religion the best recommendation, by letting men see their good works and how much more excellent it makes the righteous than their neighbours.

O that we may never persecute thy saints, nor madly despise those who are as the apple of thine eye, whose great care is to approve themselves faithful in thy covenant, and zealous for thy glory; and not only to preserve their integrity, and keep themselves unspotted from the world, but to do good in their generations, and turn many to righteousness. May we ever hold such in highest reputation while living, as well as count their memories precious when they are dead. O heavenly Father! let them be dearest to us that are so to thyself. And let all our delight be in such excellent ones, the saints that are in the earth, of whom the world is not worthy, however they be so frequently and greatly abused by the world, as if unworthy to live in it. O let us not be conformed to this world, nor follow the multitude to do evil; but be followers of those, who thro' faith and patience, do already inherit thy glorious promises, and so live the life, that we may die the death of the righteous. Help us, Lord our God, so to imitate thy saints here, in their holy living, that hereafter we may be numbered with them in the glory everlasting. As we desire and hope for their blessed end, O let us love and follow their godly way, and make the communion of saints a point of our practice, as well as an article of our faith; being lovers of all good men, honouring them that fear the Lord, and esteeming them very highly in love for their work's sake. And the Lord increase the number of the true converts, and thy faithful people and those that be followers of God, as dear

children in all places. O let thy kingdom co
and thy will be done on earth, as it is in hea
that thy church may grow, and prosper,
flourish; till we with all thy servants depa
in the Lord, meet together in the kingdo
our Father, to live in thy presence and lo
and to enjoy and praise thee, world witl
end. *Amen.*

A Soliloquy for the pious Soul's solace, by way of paraphrase on the Creed.

LET not your heart be troubled, saith the Lord of Love, [our dear compassionate Redeemer,] ye believe in God, believe also in me, the messenger of his love, sent to be the Saviour of the world.

Why art thou cast down then, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me; when

I believe in God,

and am not exposed, as one forlorn, to shift for myself, and to make me a happiness out of my own stock, or want it; but I have a God to repair unto, and depend upon, and to expect all that ever I can desire from him. And this God is

The Father,

Not only of our Lord Jesus Christ, by eternal generation, but my Father, by a late creation, which has brought me out of nothing to what I am; not only to being, and life, and sense, but to the use of reason, and to the enjoyment of all that ever I have in the world. Yea, I am bold to father myself upon him also by a spiritual adoption; and am persuaded that a woman may sooner forget her sucking child, than the Lord will forsake that work of his hands which he has now created in Christ Jesus: nor is he less able than willing to do me good, being

Almighty,

and what is too hard for Omnipotence? or who can pluck me out of his hands, to whom the very powers of hell are but weakness?—Though I am weak as a shaken reed myself, yet my help stands in the name of the Lord, who is the

Maker of Heaven and Earth.

And what can any of his creatures do against me, when God himself is for me? He that made all, will he see his child want a competency in the world? Or should I be turned out of the earth, yet all heaven is the Lord's; and when he is my portion, I am sure of that which is infinitely better than all the world's good; which, alas, is but a poor drop from the eternal Fountain of all goodness. And what can be better than him that made it, and gave it all that goodness which it has? Myself, and whatever I see in the world was once nothing; and the great Lord, who was most blessed before all worlds, and would have been nevertheless blessed though we had never been at all: he has brought us into being, not for any need he had of us, but to communicate of his goodness to us

In Jesus Christ,

and what so sweet as Jesus in my mouth!—*No* such music in my ears; no such gladness

my heart! I was lost, and Jesus is my viour; I was dead, and Jesus is my life; was an enemy, and Jesus is my peace: still sin, and Jesus is my Advocate with the ther. Christ is my prophet to direct me, my iest to atone for me, my king to defend me, d to watch for good over me: he is all that vant, and that I can wish. I am worse than thing without him; and I have all things ven me together with him, who is the be- red of the Father;

His only Son,

e only one, by nature, that is co-equal with e Father: and having such a friend in the urt of heaven, I will therefore come boldly the throne of grace: for if the Son make us e, we shall be free indeed. The Father will ny us nothing that we ask in his name; and e Son upbraids us that we make no more use this our blessed privilege. Hitherto ye have ied nothing in my name, saith he; ask and shall receive, that your joy may be full. Such easure has he in the prosperity of his servants, io is

Our Lord,

r heavenly Sovereign; at whose feet kings do st their crowns, and all the angels of God orship him. O happy the servants that have h a Lord; and blessed be the Lord, that ll admit of me in the number of his ser- nts! Is not he my Lord, that has bought

me? In one sacrament I was listed into his service, and in the other how oft have I sworn to him allegiance! This is the crown of all my glorying, that Jesus is my Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

in a miraculous manner, above all the power of nature; and without any, the least spot of sin, that he might be the meet propitiation for all our sins. He is fairer than the children of men, who are, all of them, shapen in iniquity, and conceived in sin. But he is free from every blemish, and altogether lovely.

Born of the virgin Mary,

And so he has done the highest honour to our poor nature, by uniting it to the divine; taking part of our flesh and blood, that he might not only be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but also taste death for our offences: coming down to earth, to raise us up to heaven; and manifested in our flesh, to bring salvation home to our very doors. And how can I ever now be at a desperate loss, when the Lord, in whom lies our help, is become God with us; and to embolden our addresses to him, he has vouchsafed even to set up his dwelling among us. All the glory of salvation be to thee, O Lord, who hast brought such joy of salvation to the world.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

And having no need at all to suffer for any sins of his own, was he not wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities? O wicked wretch! that I should be one of those who put the Son of God himself upon suffering! But, O how happy for me, that he would be pleased to suffer once, to save me from suffering for ever.

He was crucified,

Love, that was strong as death, fastened my Saviour to the infamous tree, with his arms extended to receive me, and his side opened to make me a passage to his very heart. O my dearest Lord! God forbid that I should glory save in thy cross, which I shew Satan to confound him; on which I lean to rest my weary soul; and to which I will cling, though carried by the gates of hell; yea, by which I hope to climb to the glory everlasting, in heaven. He was

Dead,

not only Abraham, the friend of God, gave up the ghost; but he that was before Abraham, our blessed Saviour himself, the well-beloved Son of God, when he took upon him the seed of Abraham, was not excused from dying.—And shall I then conclude that my God has no kindness for me, because I must follow such

region of immortality. And shall death
rate me from my Saviour, or divorce m
from the heavenly brigebroom? No; I
hence to be with Christ, and that I ma
nearer to him whom my soul loveth.
gone before, and, Lord, I will follow
whithersoever thou goest. Thou wast l
the grave,

and Buried,

to make that desolate place inviting t
presence; to perfume the chambers of
and turn the horrible pit into a happy sem
where the poor, weak, perishing flesh is
to come up again powerful, glorious, a
corruptible. And shall I shrink from th
where my Lord himself lay? Would
better than he did? No! the grave it
become a goodly lodging since Chris
there. And I will not go down in sorr

ath, upon which depends all our hope of rdon and life. That I might not dread the rting of soul and body, which befel my Lord nself; and that none belonging to him might out of heart, even at the lowest ebb, when r Redeemer, who lay so long under the wer of death.

ɔe third Day he rose again from the Dead.

ıd shall I be in bondage all my life, through ır of death, when under the conduct of such victorious Captain of salvation, that has triıphed over all the powers of the grave? No, lives and was dead. And though I know I ıst die, yet withal I know that my Redeemer eth, and is alive for evermore; and because lives, I shall live also: for he has no life but hat every member of his shall share in. Therefore, O death, I can triumph over thee, ıce my Lord has routed all thy forces. It is ıe, yet thou canst kill me, but thou canst not ırt me; for take down this crazy cottage, and ɔetter fabric shall succeed, to stand for eternal es. But could not all the bonds of death hold y Almighty Saviour? Dearest Lord, thou ast arrested for our debt, and laid up in the ison of the grave, on our account; but thy lease gives me a chearful assurance that thou st satisfied Divine Justice to the utmost.— ıce thou art come so gloriously forth, I am re that all is discharged. Then blessed be e God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ho, according to his abundant mercy, has

begotten us again to a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven,

And O with what joyful acclamations was he welcomed home in those high regions of the blessed, after all his wonderful achievements, to effect eternal redemption for us! He led captivity captive, and dragged the infernal powers after his triumphant chariot, to shew that hell, as well as death, is subject unto him.—And now he has cleared us a way to glory, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; being gone to prepare a place for us, that where he is, there we may be also. Even where

He sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty,

Far above all principalities and powers, a glorious King for evermore. With all power and authority in his hands, and all the crowns and mansions of glory at his disposal. He is not only the Prince of the kings of the earth, by whom they all reign, but all the angels in heaven fly to do his pleasure, where he has thrown off the veil, under which he shrouded his majesty here below; and shews himself now in all the splendor of the King of Glory, to the admiration of the highest cherubims and seraphims, who will be joyfully taken up to all eternity in beholding such wonders of divine beauty and glory. To him I look as the great author and

isher of our faith, and the blessed object of my
ly worship and devotion; who in all the
ght of his glory, does not forget his poor re-
ers here, but has still bowels of compassion
intercede for us, as well as fulness of power
prevail on our behalf; and God forbid that
ould forget this absent friend; that he should
to me, out of sight out of mind. O where
uld be my heart, but with the great lover
l beloved of my soul? who not only humbled
self on earth, but even now in heaven so
nbles himself as to remember me in my low
ate. And when I am loaded, or gravelled,
t I know not what to do, I will go and put
matter into his hands, who can easily help
out, and set me right; for what enemies,
hard for me, but he can soon make them
footstool? What boon so big to be asked,
this great Master of requests in heaven, can
ain it for me? What time I am afraid then,
troubled, in a strait, or at a loss, I will look
o Jesus, at God's right hand above, and re-
mber his kind office there; and pray his
ndship, and intreat his gracious favour, who
vorthy ever to be heard for me, though I am
vorthy to speak for myself.

From thence he shall come to judge the Quick and the Dead.

d shall appear in greater power and glory
n ever he was seen here in weakness and
erty; when his stubborn enemies, that would
that he *should* reign over them, shall be

brought forth and slain before him; and all his sheep that hear his voice, and follow him, waiting for his coming, and loving his appearing, shall then hold up the head, and never droop any more, but find the most refreshing sunshine amidst all the gloominess and horrors of that day, which will be to them a day of discharge, and jubilee, and coronation; the most sweet and lightsome day that ever came over them. Then shall I see him sit on the throne, to give me my portion, who was nailed on the cross to purchase my salvation; my advocate, my life, my Saviour, will be alone exalted in that day. And will my advocate accuse me? will my life destroy me? will my Saviour condemn me? No; though good and bad both be called over there, so long as Jesus is my judge, who himself has satisfied for the bad, and will make my imperfect good then shine out as the noon-day, I will pray, come Lord Jesus, come quickly.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

The Lord and giver of life, the heavenly counsellor and comforter of our souls, by whom I call Jesus Lord, and cry Abba Father unto my God. And having such a blessed Guardian, and divine inhabitant, why do I drag on heavily, as if left comfortless? why do I not overflow with joy in the Holy Ghost? Am I weak? he is the power of the Most High, to help my infirmities. Am I forgetful? he is the kind monitor, to bring all needful things to my remembrance. Am I afraid lest I should fail of

God's acceptance and salvation? this blessed spirit witnesseth with my spirit, that I am the child of God, and seals me to the day of redemption. Away then, thou foul accuser of the brethren: peace, clamorous conscience; and stand aside all pitiful creature comforts; I have affiance in the Holy Ghost, the comforter. I belong to

The holy Catholic Church,

I am a member of that most truly royal society, some of which, already entered into the joy of their Lord, are got out of the field to their crowns, and passed from service to triumph; and the rest here—yet on their pilgrimage and warfare,—are reaching forth to the glorious prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, where the Sun of righteousness is risen to us, and causes the heavenly day-spring from on high to shine upon us; yea, in that church, against which the gates of hell shall not prevail. I believe

The Communion of Saints.

The same life and spirit pervades the multitude of believers every where: and like so many rivulets, they run all to the same sea, although not in the same channel: or, like divers strings of a musical instrument, though they have several notes, yet they make up one song of praise and glory to their common Lord: from whom they

receive influence, as all the bodily parts do from the head, and are knit together as fellow members of Christ's body. They are the household of faith; of that corporation and family of heaven; for the sake of which they forget their own people, and father's house. Yea, as all the parts of the body, how mean soever they may be, share in the same life as is in the head and heart; and the noblest members despise not the meanest; but the lowest are of use to the highest; and all conspire for the joint interest of the whole; so I, as a part of this great body, whilst I struggle not by myself, but keep to the flock of Christ, and join with them in the worship and service of my Lord, and tender and love them in my heart, am one of their happy number, and do share in the prayers of every faithful christian throughout the world; and communicating now with the saints in all offices of love, I shall be advanced, with them to the possession of their heavenly inheritance in eternal life.

The Forgiveness of Sins.

This is the article that strikes at the very root of bitterness, and removes the ground of all my fears and griefs. O how numerous are my sins! and what a heavy load upon my soul! But it lightens my heart to hear of God manifested in the flesh; to undergo all the penalties of sin, in the very nature that sinned; to bear *our* sins in his own body on the tree. And when our all-sufficient surety has finished the

tonement, will the justice of God require a econd payment? No! God is not only mer- iful, but just also in justifying the believers in esus; who was made sin for us, who knew o sin, that we might be made the righteous- ess of God in him. And now all the frightful uilt is swallowed up in that Fountain opened or sin and uncleanness, like as a drop of ink s lost in a mighty river; so that my spirit re- oices in God my Saviour: and I thank God, hrough Jesus Christ our Lord, whose blood leanses us from all our sin. O that I could ove him yet more, who forgiveth me so much.

The Resurrection of the Body.

This is the Christian's strong hold, that altho' ve fall into the grave, we shall not be utterly ast down, but have a Lord that will be the lague of death, and the destruction of the rave, to redeem us out of the hands of both. My flesh is perishing as the grass, that is green nd withered in a day; but this mortal shall ut on immortality, yea, mortality itself shall e swallowed up of life. This heavy log, tho' own a natural, shall rise a spiritual body, to lide through *ætherial* regions, as the fish in rystal streams, and swifter than eagle or arrow, o follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes.— Even the vile coarse flesh, in the great morning f the resurrection, shall come gloriously forth, s a bridegroom out of his chamber, and like he trees new apparelled in the spring; more rient and beautiful of itself than all make it,

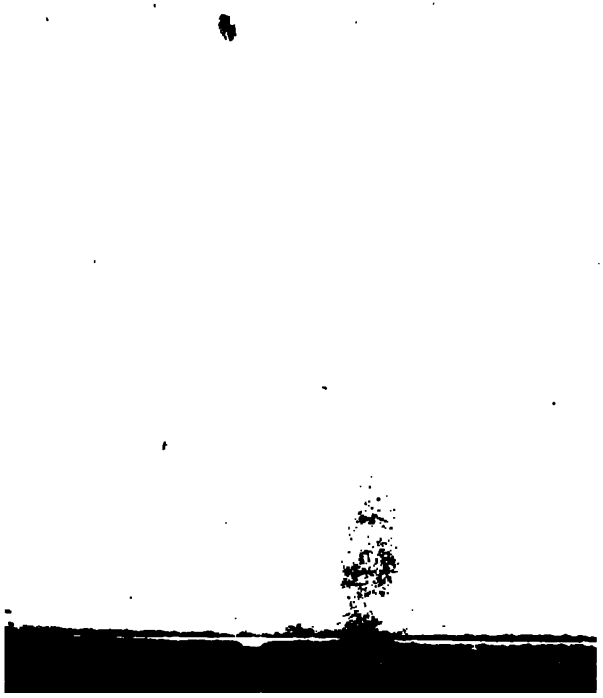
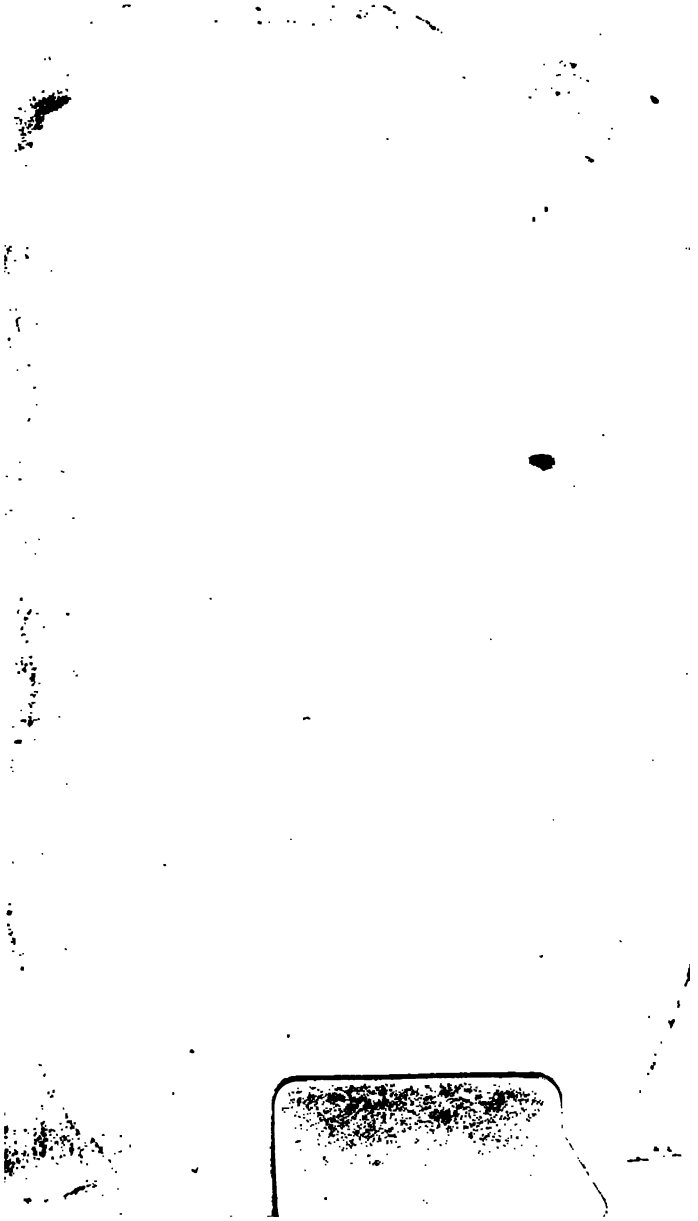
shining as the firmament; yea, outvying the stars and the sun. Is my body here then often put to hardships: be it so; I do not look for my haven in it now, as it is here; but I expect it to rise immortal, past all suffering: and, in the mean time, I must not think it strange to be tossed on shipboard, till I arrive at the fair haven where I would be. Am I tempted to excesses, or any lusts of the flesh,—I will not surfeit on the meat that perishes, nor sink the vessel that is carrying me over to the blessed Land of Promise. Rather let me go without my full repast in the evening of this mortal life, so that I break my fast on the heavenly pleasures of eternity, in the dawning of the last day. I do not hate thee, my own flesh, to bid thee stay and keep thy appetite for entertainments infinitely better, seeing I believe the resurrection of the body,

And the Life everlasting. Amen.

This is the centre of our desires, and the crown of our joys, the drift of our whole religion, and the height of all perfection: that which eases our labours, and makes our very troubles look chearful upon us. Wretched relief is the heathen's antidote against the dread of death; only to think,—that die we must. But Christians have a consolation strong indeed, that, after death we shall live for ever. Our present lives are, for the most part, spent in providing us livelihoods; and instead of carrying happiness now in our vessels, all that we can

lo is but to make shift a little to stop our nisery. Though God has graciously made it leasant, even to repair the decays of our nature, yet he would not have us mistake that oor pleasure for our heaven; and the soul that nows itself is rather weary of this attendance n the corruptible flesh, and aspires after that ate where the body shall obsequiously follow, vithout the drudgery of patching up its breaches nd decays: where shall be nothing vexatious troublesome; nothing to hinder or abate the erfection of bliss; nothing to mar or embitter ie fulness of joy; but, all the black curtains rawn aside, we shall have the beatific sight f our Lord, which will create in us raptures igger than our hearts can hold, till heaven all hold our souls, and we enter into that joy f our Lord, which is too large to enter into s; where we shall meet with all the best ompany in the world, and enjoy that sweetest f all society, without any reserve, in the most lorious palace: and their and our souls being ien perfectly healed of every thing offensive, e shall have all the refreshments, without any neasiness of conversation. Every faculty of ie soul shall there imbibe that fulness of satisction which so long it had sought, but never und before; and neither shall the body want agreeable entertainment for its feast and lace. But it is not for a tongue of flesh utter what eyes and ears of flesh never saw heard. It is enough to know, that it is ove our knowledge; being the life that is veetened with a goodness no less than the

divine, and measured a duration no shorter than eternal.

All this I believe, and I believe it is more than all this which I believe, in believing the life everlasting. My life is hid with Christ in God; and the life which I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. And when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall I also appear with him in glory. O let me now begin the life of heaven, and hereafter I shall never know its end: while I am here alive, may I also die to the flesh and the world, that when I depart from hence, I may live to God with Christ, which is the life incomparably best of all. *Amen, Amen.*

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